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## *Washington College Welcomes General Colin Powell*

JOACHIM SCHOLZ NAMED PROVOST AND DEAN  
WC STUDENTS ON NEW "CNW" SEMINARS  
BOB DAY, FASTBALL PHENOM

## In Support of Local Heroes

General Colin Powell's visit to Washington College was remarkable for many reasons. Fifteen hundred people gathered in Cain Gymnasium to hear what he would say. Among them were more than three-quarters of our student body — a record turn-out for any event all year. The crowd was quiet and orderly, anticipating something big, but not knowing exactly what. We knew this man was a soldier, a statesman, a leader. He was tall, charismatic, and graceful as he strolled through the gym to take the podium.

The opening ceremony, with the awarding of the honorary degree, was formal. And then Colin Powell, the former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and National Security Advisor — the man who had led the charge against Saddam Hussein, met eyeball to eyeball with Gorbachev, and dined with Royals — took off his jacket and put on a Washington College sweatshirt. The crowd went wild. He was one of us now. He wasn't just an American hero, he was a local hero. And somehow, the celebration of this

great leader became a celebration of ourselves.

When asked about his own heroes, Powell named his parents. He said a man on the street who puts in a good day's work is also a hero. This brought to mind how many heroes are right here in our midst. Many of them are celebrated in this issue: Ralph Snyderman '61, whose research

horizons daily by embracing new ideas, new experiences and new faces. Add to these our Dean and Provost, who works tirelessly for curricular innovation to ensure the excellence of our academic program and President Toll, whose boundless enthusiasm for this "gem of a College" carries him through daily schedules that stretch long into each night. And never overlook the unsung heroes on the staff like Doris Oakley, who fights for our health insurance claims, Ike Dean, who straightens out our parking problems, Betty Ann Connolly, who gets the mail out every morning, and Alice Wickes, the brave housekeeper who keeps up with four floors of males in Somerset Hall.

As Powell made so clear to us, our heroes are ourselves — our very best selves, of course. The ones we strive to be more like every day. On a beautiful April afternoon he came to our campus to remind us that we are part of a very special place. That Washington College is a community of hardworking souls who can feel good about what they do. With this issue we salute these local heroes.

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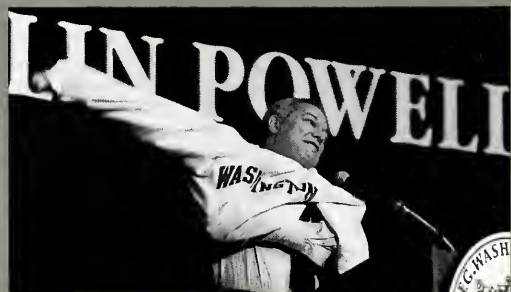


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on immunology has advanced modern medicine and Bill Nicholson '36, the hometown boy who became a baseball great are obvious examples. But read between the lines and celebrate those professors who go to great lengths to make learning meaningful, the coaches who share with our students the reward of being part of a team, and our students themselves, those who enlarge their



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# THE REPORTER

## Joachim Scholz Named Provost and Dean

*Others Promoted to Senior  
Administrative Posts*

Joachim J. Scholz, Professor of German who served as Acting Provost and Dean of Washington College since September of 1994, has accepted a continuing appointment as Provost and Dean. He previously was director of the College's Humanities major. His appointment as Provost and Dean, announced at the February meeting of the Board of Visitors and Governors, concluded an extensive national search.

"As Acting Provost and Dean, Joachim Scholz brought important curricular reform to the College, including an improved first-year program and the groundwork for a new major in environmental studies," President John Toll commented in applauding the Board's decision. "His efforts to expand internships and study abroad have enhanced our offerings beyond the classroom as well. His hard work, selfless dedication and high academic standards have demonstrated that he is the academic leader who can best guide Washington College into its third century."

Scholz agreed to serve as Acting Provost and Dean after Gene G. Wubbels left the post in August of 1994 to take a position at the National Science Foundation. During Scholz's tenure the College's academic program saw significant advances including a new seminar series, "Community, Na-



Joachim J. Scholz

tion, and World," adopted by the faculty to replace parts of the old general education requirement, and more than \$900,000 in foundation grants for other curricular enhancements.

"I feel greatly honored to work with President Toll and the College's superb and devoted faculty in shaping a bright and distinguished future for Maryland's oldest college," Scholz commented. "The foundations of excellence are in place. To build on them through review and innovation will be an exhilarating challenge."

Scholz has taught at Washington College since 1980, combining his teaching career with intensive scholarly research and archival work. In 1988 he was awarded a substantial research grant from West Germany to organize and evaluate the correspondence of August Scholtis, a German writer born in the Eastern European border province of Silesia (now a part

of Poland) who is considered the last important author of that region's German-speaking literature. Scholz has published four volumes relating to that research and has received several subsequent grants from the German government to continue his archival research on Germany's literary relations to its eastern neighbors.

Scholz earned his bachelor's degree in West Germany, then came to study in the United States. He earned his master's degree in 1974 and his doctorate in 1977, both at the University of Chicago, then was awarded an Andrew Mellon Fellowship at Tulane University. In 1985, he received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Scholz will continue to teach one course a year and to maintain his commitment to scholarly projects. He and his wife Rachel, who is Coordinator of Field Experiences and Lecturer in the College's Education Department, live with their three children in Chestertown.

In addition to naming Scholz Provost and Dean, the College Board also approved President Toll's proposed senior administrative appointments: H. Louis Stettler, a former Chief Budget Officer for the State of Maryland who took over as the College's chief finance officer in April of 1995, now serves as Senior Vice President for Finance and Management; Maureen McIntire, who joined the College administration in 1968 and has served as Dean of Students since 1976, is Vice President and Dean of Students; Meredith Davies Hadaway, who joined the College Relations office in 1983 and has served as its Director since 1986, is Vice President for College Relations and Publications; and Joseph L. Holt, a former special assis-

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tant to the commissioner of the Social Security Administration who came to Washington College in 1991 as Executive Assistant to the President, is Vice President for Administration. Other senior administrators continue in their current positions: Kevin Coveney as Vice President for Admissions and Enrollment Management; Martin Williams as Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs; and Bryan Matthews as Director of Athletics.

"I am especially pleased that the Board has approved this administrative structure and has recognized outstanding women and men by designation as vice presidents," President Toll said. "The organization features substantial delegation of responsibilities and short reporting lines, so that improvements can be made responsively and promptly. With this administrative staff in place I am confident that Washington College will make great progress in the next decade."

## Snyderman Says Medicine Faces New Challenges

Ralph Snyderman '61, a leading proponent of national health care reform and the recipient of the Alumni Citation for Distinguished Work in Medicine, gave the Washington Birthday Convocation audience some good news and some bad news about the state of medicine in America today.

Dr. Snyderman was sharing the convocation platform with two retiring college presidents: Dr. William P. Hytche of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Dr. Edward T. Lewis of St. Mary's College of Maryland, both of whom received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters in recognition of their work in higher education.

First, the bad news: despite advances, physicians are struggling with a resurgence of tuberculosis, a disease thought to have been eradicated, as well as AIDS, an epidemic for which there is no known cure or vaccine. The leading causes of death among young people are homicide, suicide, drugs, and AIDS. Meanwhile, the cost of health care has skyrocketed. Fifteen percent of the gross national product is spent on health care, and 10 percent of

the nation's population is consuming 80 percent of the cost of medicine.

"There is general dissatisfaction with America's health care system and people are turning to alternative medicines: homeopathy, reflexology, and acupuncture. I find this lack of fascination with molecular medicine very disturbing."

The good news is that, since the mid-1800s, molecular chemistry has made possible rapid, nearly exponential advances in medicine. On the heels of new pharmacological treatments in the 1920s, antibiotics in the 1930s and '40s, the discovery in 1954 of the structure of DNA, and recombinant DNA technology in the early 1970s, scientists now have the ability to identify and map every gene in the human body.

"Researchers have found the gene for Alzheimer's disease, and genes that may contribute to breast cancer, Huntington's disease, and cystic fibrosis. In the last eight weeks, researchers found a gene related to risk-taking behavior and yesterday, at Duke, researchers identified the gene contributing to schizophrenia and drug addiction," says Snyderman.

"These advances provide a new way of looking at medicine. In the past, we have treated diseases. Now understanding genetic susceptibility, physicians will be able to lay out pathways for disease prevention."

Snyderman has had a distinguished career in medicine. After graduating from the Downstate Medical Center of



*At a pre-Convocation luncheon, WC's former First Lady Ann Hollingsworth McLain '40 received the Alumni Citation for meritorious service. Board Chairman Louis L. Goldstein '35 (left) was one of many who turned out to honor her.*

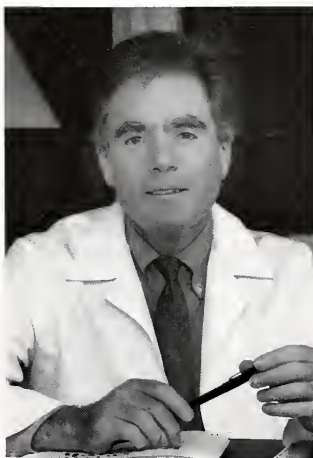
the State University of New York and an internship and residency in medicine at Duke University from 1965 to 1967, Snyderman worked for five years as a researcher in immunology at the National Institutes of Health. He returned in 1972 to Duke, where he taught and conducted medical research in the areas of rheumatology and immunology. By 1984, he was the Frederic M. Hanes Professor of Medicine, professor of immunology, chief of the Division of Rheumatology and Immunology, director of the Laboratory of Immune Effector Function at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and a member of the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center.

In 1987, Snyderman left Duke to join Genentech, Inc., a pioneering biomedical technology firm, as vice president for medical research and development. During his two years there, he supervised staff working in pharmacology, clinical research and regulatory affairs.

Snyderman returned to Duke in 1989 as chancellor for health affairs, dean of the school of medicine, and James B. Duke Professor of Medicine. He is the recipient of several honors, including two top awards worldwide in the field of inflammation research.

As a member of the Pew Health Professions Commission, Dr. Snyderman urged American medical schools to reach beyond their traditional missions and become more actively involved in finding solutions to America's health care problems.

Dr. William Hytche, an institution at UMES for more than 35 years, was



*Dr. Ralph Snyderman '61*

honored for his work there. In his 21 years as president, Dr. Hytche has transformed that campus into a leader among the institutions founded under the 1890 Land-Grant Act. He developed 17 new degree programs, including Ph.D. programs in marine science and in toxicology and a widely ac-

claimed pre-professional honors program. He has played a leadership role in higher education, particularly for the nation's historically black colleges and universities.

Dr. Lewis was honored for his contributions to another Maryland college. During the past 13 years, he trans-

formed St. Mary's from a sleepy public school. He coordinated the development of a new relationship with the State which granted the college stable financial support, block-grant funding, and more autonomy than any other public college or university in the country.



## WC Still Offers Proper Prescription For Aspiring Physicians

Ralph Snyderman '61, chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine at Duke University Medical Center, said attending Washington College was "an unlikely thing to do," yet it allowed him to become who he is today — one of the most respected researchers and medical administrators in the United States.

After all, he was the son of immigrants living a world away from Maryland's Eastern Shore in Brooklyn, New York. With a driving ambition to become a doctor, he initially had attended Brooklyn College.

From the cavernous depths of an auditorium full of hundreds of other ambitious premedical students, Snyderman saw the writing on the wall. He knew his chances of succeeding there were slim.

"My parents were wise enough to know that I should leave Brooklyn and go to a small liberal arts college. I found Washington College and fell in love with the place. It was a transforming experience for me," he says. "I met people from all over the world. When a classmate of mine took me to the Congressional Country Club I thought I had gone to heaven. Another classmate's father was a rear admiral in the U.S. Navy and later became the Admiral of the Navy. Washington College opened up a whole new world to me."

Snyderman reflected on the undergraduate experiences that helped shape him. A member of the Phi Sigma Delta fraternity, he was an en-

thusiastic, if unremarkable athlete who is grateful to his coaches for allowing him to play. He remembered the beauty of Chestertown in the snow as he and fellow students went Christmas caroling. He recalled the influence of Professors Gerta Blumenthal, Edgar Gwynn, and Nate Smith, who fostered his intellect and encouraged him to go to medical school.

"The proudest moment of my life was standing in the mailroom and opening a letter that began 'We are pleased' instead of 'We regret,'" says Snyderman. "I appreciate the opportunities given to me here that I wouldn't have had elsewhere. For me, I did the most I was capable of doing in Chestertown."

Luckily for today's students, Washington College hasn't changed all that much in its approach to preparing pre-medical students, says Kathleen Verville, chair of the biology department and academic adviser to several aspiring doctors. The College still approaches students as individuals and encourages them to reach their career goals while enjoying the many advantages of a liberal arts education: friends, athletics, social activities, extra- and co-curricular offerings and campus leadership opportunities. It pays off: in the past five years, Washington College students have had a 91% acceptance rate into the medical schools of their choice.

"Besides being bright and highly able, our premedical students are also real campus leaders, involved in everything from athletics to community outreach," says Verville. That's not the case at large universities. What also strikes me as unusual is the camaraderie among them: while they are academically competitive, there is no backstabbing here."

There are other fundamental differences between WC's approach and other, larger schools, says Verville. Small classes permit close interaction between students and professors. Stu-

dents in labs make their own reagents and are responsible for their own experiments. They conduct independent research that culminates with a senior thesis. They are encouraged to take advantage of internships and other off-campus opportunities, and to enjoy college life. "I tell my students they are only here for four years. They won't be able to play basketball or be in a play or tutor school children in med school."

Verville points to Maria Jerardi '94 as a perfect example of what pre-medical students at WC can do. "She majored in chemistry and international studies, played field hockey, was involved in Target Tutoring, traveled to Bangladesh on a Junior Fellows grant, earned a Fulbright Scholarship, and is now working towards a master's degree in public health at Johns Hopkins University. She'll go on to medical school there next year and a career in international health."

There are other success stories in the making: Michelle Crosier '94, a biology major who did volunteer work at the Baltimore Zoo's veterinary hospital through the College's Junior Fellows Society and who is now studying veterinary medicine at North Carolina State University; Melanie Ruane '96, a biology major who interned last summer at the Lombardi Cancer Research Center at Georgetown University Hospital and whose senior thesis focuses on breast cancer research; Matt Distler '96, a lacrosse player who last summer traveled around Maryland observing non-traditional veterinary practices, now recently accepted into veterinary schools at Cornell University and Virginia Tech; Allison Wentworth '97, an aspiring pediatric physician and Academic All-American basketball player who worked with Dr. Verville last summer on acid stress on the bacterium *E. coli*.

## General Colin Powell Delivers Powerful Message To Students

General Colin Powell, appearing in Washington College's Cain Gymnasium in mid-April, set the tone for an afternoon of warm banter with students by shedding his jacket and donning a Washington College sweatshirt presented to him by Student Government Association president Brigid Kolish.

He was visiting campus at the "persistent" behest of College President John Toll who had hoped to land the General as a commencement speaker.

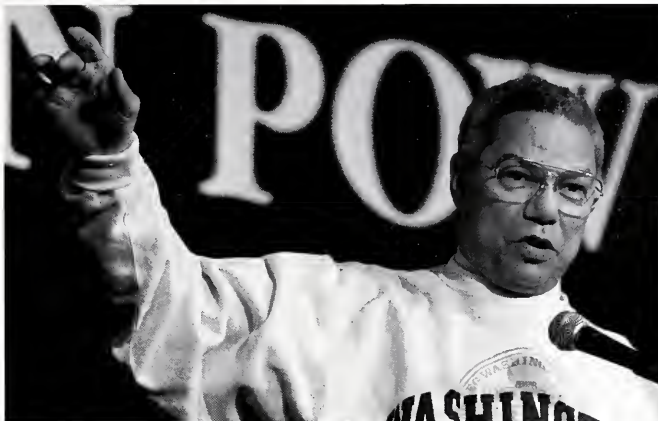
"Commencement addresses aren't my favorite thing to do," Powell said, "because commencements are really for adoring parents. The students have other things on their minds — they're just waiting for the speaker to finish talking so they can get on with other things. Besides, after four or five years, who remembers who spoke at their commencement?"

This occasion, however, was one that seniors — and 1,300 other listeners in the audience — are sure to remember for a long time.

Without the glare of media, banned at his request, the General spoke candidly and with good humor about his career as a soldier who went about the business of containing communism for 28 years, only to have the rules changed when the Soviet Union instituted glasnost. He talked about how the world has changed for the better since the end of the Cold War, about his decision not to run for political office this election year and about his commitment "to serve this country I love very deeply" in other ways.

Powell, the son of Jamaican immigrants, reflected on how he came to fulfill the American dream to become National Security Adviser. He credited the value system his parents instilled in him and encouraged Washington College students to abide by them as well — knowing the difference between right and wrong, recognizing the importance of education, and believing in God, America and self.

"Search for that which you do well and love doing," Powell told the students, recounting a story of a street sweeper who found happiness and



*General Colin Powell, former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, fielded questions from students.*

satisfaction in a job well done. "For me, that knowledge came when I was 18. For others, it takes longer. And when you find it, give it your all, holding in reserve only enough to give something back to your community and to your family."

Powell reflected on issues facing the American people today, as they seek out a unifying cause, a national vision as it were. "What should we worry about now that communism's dead? The economy, homelessness, violence, racial problems. There is a sense that we've lost our morality. I tell my friends in Washington that the American people are channel-surfing," Powell said. "They are looking to their leaders for a new spirit. I always extrapolate from my military experience, and I frequently use this story as a metaphor of this new vision: Sam Donaldson was interviewing a young African-American soldier in the tank platoon on the eve of battle in Desert Storm. Donaldson asked, 'How do you think the battle will go? Are you afraid?'"

"We'll do okay," the soldier answers. "We're well trained. And I'm not afraid. I'm not afraid because I'm with my family," he says, gesturing to the other soldiers around him. "This is my family and we'll take care of each other."

"This new vision, it's all about family and caring," Powell said. That's what it will take for us to be successful

as a nation. So my message to you is to study hard, work hard, understand the difference between right and wrong, educate yourself for a world of enormous opportunities, have faith in yourself, but above all, have faith in this extraordinary society — this place God has blessed, given to us, and asked us to take care of."

## College Announces Smallest Tuition Increase in 20 Years

Washington College's Board of Visitors and Governors has established tuition, room and board charges for the 1996-97 academic year at \$22,990, an increase of \$992 annually, or \$496 per semester, over the current year. At 4.5 percent, the overall percentage increase is the lowest in the last 20 years.

At his inauguration last October, President Toll announced a new program to help families of academically talented high school students cope with the cost of private higher education. The Washington Scholars program offers an automatic scholarship award of \$10,000 per year (up to \$40,000 over four years) to all accepted applicants who are members of their high school's National Honor Society chapter. Washington Scholar awards will begin with next fall's freshman class. Since the program was announced, applications for that class have increased by more than 50 percent over any previous year.

## WC Establishes New Foreign Exchanges

Washington College's place in the world got a little bigger this past semester with the establishment of three new foreign exchange agreements with universities abroad.

As early as next fall, sophomores or juniors will spend a year at the University of Tübingen in Germany, Nottingham-Trent University in England, and Leiden University in the Netherlands. Under a reciprocal agreement that differs from various study abroad opportunities the College already offers, the foreign exchange program allows Washington College students to pay their tuition here and

study abroad while allowing international students from these universities to study in their place at Washington College.

"The College is internationalizing its curriculum and the study abroad options we are establishing are a significant component of the interactive, engaged learning process we would like to see happening across the curriculum," says Joachim Scholz, Provost and Dean of the College. "We have been able to establish these exchanges with some of the world's foremost institutions of higher learning. That's good for our students traveling abroad, and it is to our advantage because the international students coming to study at Washington College will broaden our horizons as well."

The University of Tübingen, founded in 1477, is one of the oldest and most distinguished institutions of higher learning in Europe. Two Washington College students will spend their year abroad at Tübingen, and two students from Tübingen will come to Chestertown. Assen Assinov, a sophomore international studies student from Bulgaria, will pursue courses in economics, German language and international studies. Kristina Carter, a junior from Chestertown, will study German language and literature and English literature. Both want to pursue a second major in German.

"These are two students who were not German majors before they decided to go to Tübingen," says Lida

William B. "Swish" Nicholson '36, former major league baseball player, died of a heart attack at his home on Broad Neck near Chestertown on March 8th, 1996. He was 81. Nicholson spent 16 years playing professional ball, entered the major leagues in 1936 with the Philadelphia Athletics. He began his nine-year stint with the Chicago Cubs in 1939. In 1943 and 1944, Nicholson led the National League in home runs and runs batted in. In 1949, Swish, who got his nickname from the sound his bat made whipping through the air before making solid contact with the ball, was traded to the Phillies, where he remained until he retired in 1953. He returned to his native Chestertown, where he farmed, hunted ducks, and played bridge.

At his memorial service at Old St. Paul's Church, Chestertown, Louis L. Goldstein '35 remembered his former college teammate this way:

"Bill Nicholson was one of our nation's great baseball players. Just as importantly, he was a real Eastern Shore gentleman. Wherever he played baseball, whether at Chestertown High School, at Washington College, or professionally, he was a major leaguer on and off the field. He brought glory to himself and his family and to the Eastern Shore every place he went.

"I had the privilege of playing with Bill on the Washington College team as an outfielder. When we had

a close game, with men on base, we knew we'd get the run if Bill came up to bat. You could depend on Bill Nicholson. He was not just the best baseball player, but one of the best athletes in the history of Washington College. In 1934, he led our football team to an undefeated season.

"Washington College athletic direc-

### IN MEMORIAM WILLIAM B. NICHOLSON 1914 - 1996



"Swish" Nicholson (left) with Eastern Shore neighbor and fellow Cubs player Jimmie Foxx.

tor and baseball coach Tom Kibler taught us all the finer points of being not just good athletes but good sports, and Bill Nicholson was one of the best on both counts. Our philosophy was smile when you win and smile when you lose, because there will always be a tomorrow. Bill knew one day of success does not a summer make — and he never let success go to his head. He had the right attitude and lots of enthusiasm. That comes from the Greek word "enthous," meaning "God within you."

"Bill did have God and the love of his fellow men and women within him all his life. He came from a wonderful family. They took me in when I arrived in Chestertown. I was from the western shore — regarded here as land on which God's eyes never looked and on which human feet never trod. I knew his parents and his brothers, and they were good people — like Bill was. When Bill retired from baseball, he came back to Chestertown where he was active in the community, in his church, in the Farm Bureau, in the Lions Club and in many other organizations.

"Yesterday is history, today is an experience and tomorrow is a gift of life and all that goes with it. Bill Nicholson lived life to the fullest. He made the most of his gifts and he made life more joyous for everyone who knew him. May God love and bless him real good."

Baldwin, assistant professor of German. "Each had a great interest in German and had been developing their language proficiency and saw this as an opportunity to combine German with other studies."

Kris Carter, who began studying German as a college freshman and who took a three-week language course last summer in Wienmahr, wants to become fluent in the language so she can converse with her friend Sonja, an exchange student she met in high school. "I think it's important that I make the effort to communicate with her in her own language and not expect her to speak English all the time," says Carter.

An English major, Carter hopes to gain a new perspective of her own language — she'll be taking two courses in English literature at Tübingen, both taught by a German professor.

"When you speak another language it's as though you become a different person. It's interesting to have a different self revealed in a different country."

Washington College has established one student exchange — not selected at presstime — with Nottingham-Trent University, in Nottingham, England, one of the largest universities in the United Kingdom. For Washington College students, it offers a vibrant city campus environment that immerses them in British life. International students are invited to combine voluntary work with academic courses via the Community Care Project. The university, with a student population of 23,000, offers courses in nine divisions: art and design, business, economics

and social sciences, education, engineering and computing, environmental studies, humanities, law, and science and mathematics. Washington College has created one student exchange with Nottingham Trent.

Two WC students are slated to be exchange students at Leiden University in the Netherlands, where Rosette Roat, professor of chemistry, spent her research sabbatical in 1991-92. Leiden University is a government-financed institution offering 45 study programs for more than 18,000 students. Students cannot overlook the cultural aspects of Leiden, either. Leiden is a small town situated in the center of the country, close by the North Sea resorts and approximately 1/2 hour by train from both Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

Agreements for foreign exchanges between Washington College students and international students already exist with the University of Paris-Val de Marne, Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität in Mainz, Germany, the Universitas Nebrissensis in Madrid, Spain, and the Universidad de las Americas in Cholula, Mexico. College officials hope to add at least another six sites next fall.

## WC Launches Summer Language Program

Yoshio Narisawa, a professor of English language at a Japanese university, says he has seen a lot of campuses around the world, but never one as beautiful as Washington College.

Narisawa, who is responsible for expanding the international programming at Tohoku Gakuin University in

## Haynes Johnson Speaks On The American Press

*This spring, the Harwood Journalism Endowment Fund brought to campus Haynes Johnson, a Pulitzer Prize winning author and journalist who spoke about the role of the American press and the crisis of change. Johnson is a professor of political communication at the George Washington University Center for Communications Studies and a frequent commentator for "Washington Week in Review" and "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer."*



## President Of Sylvan Learning Systems Visits Campus

*Doug Becker, president of the Sylvan Learning Systems, was on campus in early March to talk about "The Business of Education." Becker, along with childhood companion Chris Hocher-Saric, formed the tutoring and testing services company Sylvan Learning Systems in 1991. The company recently joined with the Educational Testing Services to computerize their testing method, and Sylvan has begun tutoring students in Baltimore public schools under a federally funded program for disadvantaged children.*

northern Japan, is "cautiously optimistic" that Japanese students will share his enthusiasm for Washington College when they consider summer language programs abroad. He was on campus in March to assess the new program in English as a Second Language that Washington College is launching this summer. In preparing marketing materials for students back home, he met with Dr. Tahir Shad, Washington College's associate dean and director of international studies, who is setting up the ESL program, as well as Dr. Christine Meloni, the program director, and other faculty and administrators on campus.

In the global market, teaching English to the Japanese is big business, says Narisawa. Many Japanese grade-school students begin learning their English language skills under private tutelage. Every Japanese high school student studies English. Each year, thousands of young Japanese go abroad to study in an English-speaking country — more than 45,000 to the USA alone.

Those students seeking cultural and language immersion in the United States are hoping to improve their



chances in a competitive Japanese job market that requires its workers to write letters and negotiate in English, says Narisawa.

"The typical students who might come to Washington College for the summer program are college students who don't generally speak English outside of class and who haven't had the opportunity to expand their knowledge of English and American culture," says Narisawa. "Once they see Washington College, they may decide to come back and study for one semester or a full academic year."

"That's exactly why we thought it

would be appropriate to establish a summer program in English as a Second Language here," says Shad. "We have wonderful campus facilities in a beautiful and safe rural setting, we're centrally located to Baltimore, Washington, and Philadelphia, and there is a big demand, especially in Japan, for English proficiency programs. The ESL program could generate a lot of revenue for Washington College and attract full-time international students seeking a study abroad experience."

In its first year, the ESL program at Washington College is offering two three-week sessions incorporating lan-

guage classes, field trips, and other special activities that introduce students to American history and culture. Organizers have planned trips to Annapolis, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, as well as weekend home-stays with area residents and recreational outings with "American Partners," Washington College undergraduates who live in the dormitories where international students are housed and who participate in most planned activities.

"Usually, when Japanese students go to a home-stay program in an English-speaking country, they take all

## New Anthology Celebrates Bay Writers

by William L. Thompson '70

Just when it seems the taffy-scented winds of commercialism have all but swept the writers' divine afflatus off the Chesapeake and far out to sea, along comes *Talking Tidewater*, a refreshingly pungent anthology of contemporary regional literature.

Subtitled "Writers on the Chesapeake," the slim volume is a collection of works by nine authors whose knowledge of the tidewater region is intimate. Two writers — novelist John Barth and columnist-marsh trampler Tom Horton — are Eastern Shore-born. The others, including the late Anne Hughes Jander who is the sole female contributor, are what tidewater natives call foreigners. This latter point is worth mentioning because despite the considerable volume of writing over the years by Delmarva sons and daughters — including College benefactress Sophie Kerr — no one has done more to draw outside readers' attention to the area than the literary-inclined interloper.

The latest and most enduring freshest of Chesapeake literature got its start 30 years ago with the publi-

cation of William Warner's *Beautiful Swimmers*, the first noteworthy — it deservedly earned its author a Pulitzer Prize — account of Chesapeake watermen and the blue crab. Two years later, James Michener came out with a doorstop titled *Chesapeake*. The public glommed onto both books and the Chesapeake region attained a geographical celebrity status. As subjects on paper and in film, the area's creatures and characters have been picked clean as a Wye River crab on Independence Day.

Three decades' worth of Chesapeake stories have left booksellers' and book collectors' shelves so overlaid

TALKING TIDEWATER:  
WRITERS ON THE CHESAPEAKE  
Edited and with a Foreword by  
Richard Harwood  
The Literary House Press, 1996  
206 pp., \$14.95

that someone ought to call a moratorium on publishing anything that carries a crab, a duck, a marsh scene or a workboat on its cover or in its title. But that assessment stumbles onto debatable ground with the appearance of something as good as *Talking Tidewater*.

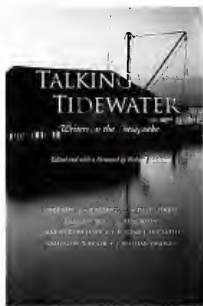
Dogs make appearances at least twice in *Talking Tidewater*. Eugene J. McCarthy, former U.S. senator and Democratic presidential candidate turned writer, tells of Mollie, his gentle Australian Shepherd who "ate Tums but not Roloids." Mollie, who died in 1988, wandered with her master through the fields and woods of Virginia's Rappahannock County. Nei-

ther one shared their neighbors' hatred of groundhogs. In one of the book's three homey pieces by College English Professor Robert Day, Amos the ball-retrieving Lab is given undeserved credit at a public function for finding the last baseball former Shoreman Athletic Director Ed Athey knocked out of Kibler Field, way back in 1942.

Crabs and oysters and geese and ducks and watermen — and, yes, their boats — are addressed abundantly in *Talking Tidewater*. But there's more, too. Happily, Mr. Warner recounts in his typically splendid prose of spending summers along the New Jersey shore with his stern step-grandfather, Col. George Washington Kavanaugh. In an excerpt from a previously published novel-memoir, Mr. Barth remembers and imagines what it was like growing up along the banks of the Choptank River. That and his essay "Goose Art," a bull's-eye hit on tidewater kitsch, are good writing anywhere.

Despite Mr. Day's gentle humor, the restrained optimism voiced by David Finkel and the pretty imagery of all the writers, a sadness runs throughout. Better days, they were, when fewer people knew of the Chesapeake region and far fewer wrote about it.

*Talking Tidewater can be purchased through the Washington College Bookstore. Send a check or money order for \$14.95 plus \$3.50 for shipping, or, to charge your order, call the Bookstore at 1-800-422-1782, extension 7751.*



their classes in one classroom and then return to the home of their hosts," says Narisawa. "What is unusual about the program here at Washington College is that student can use all the facilities here, live in dormitories with American students serving the role of mentor, and get a real taste of American culture."

## NSF Supports Professor Roat's Cancer Research

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a visiting professorship to Rosette Roat, professor and chair of the chemistry department. The grant, awarded under the NSF Visiting Professorships for Women (VPW) program, is enabling Dr. Roat to spend a year conducting advanced research at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond, VA and at Leiden University, the Netherlands.

Dr. Roat is one of 25 scientists from around the country selected to participate in this year's program that places outstanding female scientists and engineers at host academic institutions where they can devote time to their research and serve as mentors and counselors to female science students.

Roat believes her VPW proposal, concerned with the ability of certain platinum compounds to act as anti-cancer agents, was successful because of a good match between her research and that of scientists at VCU. Chemistry research professor Nicholas Farrell, who designed the specific project Roat is carrying out, heads a ten-member VCU scientific team working on various chemical and biological aspects of metal-containing compounds that may be useful anti-tumor agents. The NSF support complements that received by Professor Farrell and co-workers from, among others, the American Cancer Society and an international pharmaceutical firm.

Currently used platinum anti-cancer agents are very effective against ovarian and testicular cancers, with a 95 percent cure rate in the case of testicular cancer. They are not as effective against other cancers, such as lung cancer, and as they contain heavy metals, the compounds can be toxic to normal tissue as well. Platinum anti-cancer



Dr. Rosette Roat

cer researchers are looking at the chemical mechanisms for the drugs' activity with the goal of finding more effective, less toxic compounds.

At VCU, Dr. Roat is continuing her investigation of platinum compounds as anti-tumor agents. Her project focuses specifically on the synthesis and examination of platinum complexes of unusual geometry and oxidation state when compared to platinum drugs now used clinically. With 70 percent of her time allotted to research and 30 percent set aside for teaching and mentoring, Dr. Roat is able to advance her research quickly.

"At Washington College," says Dr. Roat, "I spend 70 percent of my time teaching and mentoring, and 30 percent of my time on my research, at best. This NSF grant allows me to move my research along a lot faster."

Dr. Roat expects to wrap up her work at VCU and have it ready for publication by the end of April. Yet

there is still work to do. She is training an undergraduate there to carry on this work. She will spend a few weeks in Chestertown before returning to the research lab at Leiden University, where she spent a research sabbatical in 1991-92.

"I'll be working with my colleagues I met a few years ago," says Roat. "The community of platinum chemists is actually quite small. I know people from all over the world because we end up at the same professional meetings."

Dr. Roat is looking forward to returning to Chestertown next fall — not only because she misses her students, but because she will be able to bring her work directly back to campus and engage Washington College students in this research. The lab at VCU has access to a nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) instrument identical to the one Washington College recently purchased with NSF and W. M. Keck Foundation funds. They also have a more powerful NMR she says, but it operates on the same software platform as Washington College's.

She also will enjoy being back in the classroom. Last semester, she taught part of a graduate course in bioinorganic chemistry with two other VCU professors. This semester, she is not teaching at all. Instead, she is conducting workshops to help undergraduates find summer research positions and begin the process of applying for graduate schools.

"When a female science or engineering student meets a working scientist or engineer who is also a woman, she is less likely to give up on her field of study when things get frustrating," comments Margrete S. Klein, who manages the VPW program for NSF.

## Coach Fall Steps Down

Penny J. Fall, long-time volleyball head coach at WC, is stepping down from her coaching duties after 20 years of service. Assistant coach Alie Haymans will succeed Fall as head coach. A tenured professor at the College, Fall will remain as the senior women's administrator for athletics. Haymans joined Fall's staff last season. She is a 1991 graduate of Northeast Louisiana University where she played and later coached. For two years she was a graduate assistant volleyball coach there, earning her MBA in 1993.



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## Barbara Cromwell Tapped As GW Society Chair

The George Washington Society now has a commanding officer. Barbara Townsend Cromwell '55, Trustee Emeritus of Washington College, has agreed to serve a three-year term as chair of the organization that recognizes individuals who have made provisions for Washington College in their estate plans.

"I am hopeful that we can raise the visibility and status of this organization and communicate the reciprocal benefits of planned giving for Washington College and its benefactors," says Mrs. Cromwell. "A friend of ours is an attorney who specializes in estate planning. She loves her job because she is able to help people give money to their colleges and improve their financial position at the same time. Washington College is very important to my husband George (Class of '53) and me, and we hope that people will remember Washington College when they are writing their wills."

The Cromwells have done just that. The former president of the Alumni Association, a long-standing member of the Alumni Council, and now Trustee emeritus, Mrs. Cromwell considers their involvement with The George Washington Society the next logical step in their commitment to Washington College.

"We believe in Washington College," says Mrs. Cromwell. "In the past, George and I have done all we can to ensure that Washington College thrives. Now we would like to encour-

age people to think of themselves as investors in WC. After all, what better investment can you make, since the future of our country is dependent upon today's youth?"

Mrs. Cromwell hopes to see the George Washington Society sponsor a series of seminars on estate planning to encourage alumni and friends of the College to consider the benefits of planned giving. She notes that two recent bequests to the College have come from people with only distant ties to Washington College.

"Consider all that The Hodson Trust has provided for Washington College over the years," she says. "Col. Clarence Hodson had no connection to Washington College other than his interest in education and his appreciation for the Eastern Shore. By making a thoughtful estate plan he was able to provide immense support to Washington College. His example provides a model for all alumni and friends to emulate."

## Washington College Senior Participates in Earthwatch

by Kristin Callahan '96

Melisa Olson '96, a psychology major, spent her winter vacation conducting habitat studies of the wolf and other animals. "I was dirty for three weeks straight," says Olson when speaking of her recent participa-

tion in a conservation study on the Indian wolf. She was in Gujarat, India, as part of a study on the Indian wolf sponsored by Earthwatch, an international environmental organization. Her trip was funded by the College's Society of Junior Fellows.

Earthwatch's five-year project to help prevent the extinction of the wolf is in its second year. In the first year, two wolves, a male and a female, were tagged for observation. Melisa spent two and a half weeks with her team following the wolves, inspecting tracks, collecting and examining scat, and tracking their movements throughout Velavadar National Park. She also participated in prey studies on the wolf's favorite meal, the blackbuck, a type of antelope.

Olson's trip was exhilarating for her in more than just the study of the wolves. While traveling the grasslands of northwest India to study the wolves, she and her team visited several small rural villages. In many of these villages, Olson was the first white person that the villagers had ever seen. Stares were common, and she frequently found herself the center of attention. Many of the Indian people believed she was a fairy because of her light hair and skin and a good luck charm because she had chosen to visit their village.

Adding to her mystique, Olson was the only member of her party who could drive a stick-shift vehicle, so she found herself the designated driver of the field jeep. "Here I was, this strange white person in jeans driving



## New CD Highlights Bay Lyric And Lore

by Jean Goodwin Marlowe

There are many regional performers who specialize in the music of the Chesapeake Bay, but to find a performance that combines both the music of the Bay and the spoken words of the Bay — now that's as rare as steamed crabs in February.

"Chesapeake Scenes" — a trio made up of Tom McHugh, a former Washington College professor of education, Andy McCown '77 and Bill Matthews '71 — has come up with such a dish. When an audience of Rock Hall watermen applauded, the rich buffet of poetry and prose combined with traditional and new songs about the Bay passed the toughest taste test of all, McHugh said.

Now, there's a "Chesapeake Scenes" compact disc, also available on tape (to order, contact Tom McHugh at 410-639-7943.) McHugh also plans to provide Kent County middle and high school teachers with a copy of the CD, along with a lesson plan on the unique vocabulary and vernacular expressions that survive in the lyrics and lore of the Chesapeake.

Legendary stories of grown men with nicknames and workboots with fancy names come to life. The Ward brothers are there, in their own words ("I'm just an old decoy duck.") So are Stanley Vansant and

Gilbert Byron. So is the weather ("The wind blew so hard it took five men just to hold down a hair"). And the many nameless people of the Chesapeake who have learned to take each day as it comes ("It's going to be a hard candy Christmas").

So are the high speed ferries and BMW's, the condos, WalMarts, and the newcomers from New Jersey. But this



(From left) Bill Matthews '71, Tom McHugh, former professor in WC's Education Department, and Andrew McCown '77 have recently released a CD of Chesapeake Bay music, poetry and lore.

isn't hard-edge political commentary. All is somehow part of the scene, all celebrated with nostalgia and humor.

Tom McHugh remembers seeing Bill Matthews, a Vietnam vet, performing

at a concert at Minta Martin Hall, but the two did not perform together until years later, when they teamed up as "Banjo Man and Bill." McHugh left Washington College in 1974 after answering an ad in *The New York Times* that took him to Vassar for 20 years. He returned to Piney Neck, outside Rock Hall, in the mid-80s, inspired by Pete

Seeger's music about the Hudson River and determined to accumulate and perform Chesapeake lore.

McHugh knew Andy McCown when McCown was a little boy. While growing up on the Chester River, McCown learned its ways, got to know boatbuilder Stanley Vansant and others who made a living on the water. He later found his own niche by the Chesapeake as a teacher at Echo Hill Outdoor School. Adding Andy McCown's voice and theatrical experience to the act made a trio, and "Chesapeake Scenes" first debuted at Echo Hill last year.

The entrepreneurial McHugh, who claims Rock Hall as his "spiritual home," was involved with the publishing of *Taking the Boat Down River*, a tribute to Stanley Vansant published by the Literary House Press. When he saw how quickly the 1,000 copies sold out, he heeded the rising tide of interest and set about creating "Chesapeake Scenes" as a way of visualizing the rich beauty of the Bay. It is his way of combining his love of the arts and education to "give back" to his own community, McHugh said.

into a village of mud houses and people in traditional Indian dress," says Olson, who was "taken aback" at first by the stares and attention she received. Despite her initial reaction, she found the Indian people friendly and curious. Through the aid of a translator, Olson was asked many questions. "They wanted to know about the food

I ate," she says, "and everything else about me. The children would stand around me and want to touch me, and a lot of times, they just giggled and laughed." Some of the villagers even thought she was a movie star!

"I learned so much on my trip and was so fascinated with the Indian cultures," says Olson. "I wish that everyone could get an opportunity like this to visit a developing nation and discover the distinct differences and similarities of a country far away from the United States."

(Opposite) Melisa Olson and an Earthwatch field assistant take a break from their search for "bhudo," the male wolf.

## Professor Participates In Olympic Torch Ceremonies

Before the athletes descend upon Atlanta, Georgia, for the 1996 Olympic Summer Games, an ancient ritual takes place in Olympia, Greece. The Olympic flame is lit, the Olympic torch is passed, and the flame begins its long trip to the United States, accompanied by Olympic athletes and

coaches from all around the world.

Karen Lynn Smith, Professor and Chair of Physical Education, played a part in this ritual, witnessing the lighting ceremonies on March 29th and participating in the Olympic Flame Torch Run. Athletes ran with the torch from ancient Olympia through cities, towns and the Greek countryside: Korinthos, Patri, Delphi, Vergina, Thessaloniki, and Marathon. Smith accompanied the torch for 15 kilometers. On April 6th, she attended the final Centennial ceremony at the Panathenaiko Stadium in Athens before the flame left Greece for the US.

Smith is director of the Dance Commission for the International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport, & Dance and is Executive Director of the Maryland Council for Dance.

## Psychology Students Investigate Benefits of Diary Keeping

Is keeping a diary unhealthy? One wouldn't think so, but six psychology students of Assistant Professor Kevin McKillop made some surprising findings that suggest diary writers shouldn't dwell solely on the expression of negative feelings and should consider positive solutions to their dilemmas. The students presented their results at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association meeting in Philadelphia in late March.

Student investigators completing the lab component of McKillop's social

psychology course were juniors Erric Hetzer, Christina Chiarchiaro and Jessica Tunison and seniors Carolyn Hammond, Jennifer Hoffman and James Slone. Their interest in diary-keeping was sparked by McKillop's investigations into the psychological aspects of secrets and secret-keeping.

"Most people believe that you feel better after revealing secrets," says McKillop, "and because diary entries are private thoughts considered to be 'secret,' we thought this might be a good subject to explore."

Surprisingly, the student researchers found that subjects who wrote in diaries and journals experienced more physical illness during the previous six months than did subjects who had not written. Additionally, student researchers found correlations between the length of time subjects had been keeping a diary or journal, the degree of detail in their writings, and the frequency with which they wrote about negative feelings and experiences, and increased physical illness.

"We can't conclude that writing in a diary or journal is injurious to one's health," says McKillop. "Because of the correlational nature of our study, we cannot rule out the possibility that individuals who are in generally poor health may be more likely to keep diaries, or that some other factors, such as personality characteristics or parenting styles, influence both keeping diaries and physical illness."

"On the positive side," McKillop continues, "individuals who wrote regularly in diaries or journals scored higher on a measure of personal growth."

One finding McKillop cannot dispute is that students who participate in undergraduate research and then present their findings at professional meetings are contributing to their own personal growth as social scientists and scholars.

## Post Reporter Recounts Battle With Depression

Tracy Thompson, an investigative reporter for the Washington Post and author of *The Beast: A Reckoning with Depression*, spoke on campus in March about her personal battle with severe clinical depression and the critical role sufferers play in their own cure.

## A Conversation with Jay Parini

by Janet Ely '99

Thoreau, Walt Whitman, Robert Frost, Annie Dillard, Edward Abbey, John McPhee, Seamus Heaney. *Nature writing is nothing new, but it is back in vogue, occupying one of the liveliest corners in contemporary American culture.* Jay Parini, author, poet, and English professor at Middlebury College, visited campus in March to talk about how some of his favorite poets — including Frost and Heaney — were influenced by their natural environment.

Parini is the author of three books of poems, including "Anthracite Country," two biographies, four novels, and a textbook called "An Invitation to Poetry." He contributes frequently to such national publications as *The New Yorker*, *Poetry*, *The New Republic* and *The Nation*. In 1976, he co-founded *The New England Review*.

We asked Janet Ely '99 to talk with Dr. Parini about his own writing.

Q: Why do you write?

A: I write because I am always trying to find a way to put my experience into language and to make sense of my experiences because otherwise I would be terribly confused! So essentially it's a way of making sense of the world. I write to clarify life for myself and if it happens by chance to clarify life for other people then I am thrilled. But I am aware that it might just be my own pastime.

Q: Do you prefer writing poetry over prose, fiction over non-fiction? Vice versa?

A: Well, I started as a poet but at the same time I kept wanting to tell larger stories than I could encompass in the poetic genre. I started writing novels because they give you a huge canvas to work on. Nevertheless, even when I am working on long novels, I find myself wanting the kind of lyric presence that you get only in a poem. I am endlessly torn between these two genres.



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Q: Why did you choose to write biographies of these particular writers, Steinbeck and Frost?

A: I chose these two because they were writers that I personally admired. I don't think it's possible to spend years working on a writer whose work you don't admire. And I learned something personally from both Steinbeck and Frost since they were people that I wanted to spend my time with.

Q: Who is your favorite writer?

A: I would say that my favorite writer shifts week to week and month to month, but there is a small cluster of writers that I return to over and over. Frost and Steinbeck, of course, but also Stevens, Tolstoy, there's probably a dozen or so writers that I find myself continuing to be drawn back to.

Q: Having spent much time as a professor of English, how do you feel that this position and the people that you work with have influenced your work?

A: I wouldn't teach if I didn't feel I got something out of it and I get, from teaching, a very wonderful sense of communication with my students. It's not just me communicating with them, they're talking to me as well. I learn things every day from my students and that keeps me alive intellectually. It's a way of both communicating things that I am interested in and learning things from the students. Teaching gives me contact with the world which, as a writer, is a way of broadening my horizons.

Q: Whose opinions do you look towards for help or improvement in your writing?

A: The person who would give me most of my help in my writing is my wife. She is a writer herself and she is also my best reader. She reads everything I do, she's a very harsh critic. What would please her to read would

also please me. I also get help from several friends who are writers and critics and who are just good readers and will give me honest opinions. I look to a small community of friends to offer suggestions and criticisms.

Q: Given the lifestyle that you have, is it often difficult to find time for leisure writing?

A: It's not. The whole point about my life is that I put my writing first. No, I won't say I put it first, I put it second. My family comes first but my professional life comes second. I simply have organized my life around family and writing and I make sure that both of

seasons change, it gives you hope. There's something marvelous about the rhythm of the seasons which is almost spiritual in its progression. The depths of Winter that rise into Spring, the easy, sensuous, high plain of Summer, and then that marvelous, tarnishing descent that we call the Fall. It's typically called the "Fall" because it imitates the fall of man. It's very much a religious experience. I find that nature gives me access to my own spiritual life.

Q: What advice would you offer to aspiring young poets and essayists who would like to follow in your footsteps?

A: The main thing is to read a great deal. Read the poets of the past, read the novelists. Also, practice your craft. Learn to discipline yourself and try to find a place where every day or every week you know you can go and work. Regular writing is the key to becoming a good writer, there is no other key. Write frequently and build it into your life so that it is a regular pattern. If you establish this pattern early in your life, it will never leave you. If you don't, you will never get anywhere because you won't have discipline, no matter how inspired you may be.

Q: How do you feel that literature will affect the way we live and learn in the future?

A: I think in many ways literature is our best hope. It offers us possibilities. Without the possibilities offered to us in writing we have nothing to live for. Certainly, looking around at the world one is overwhelmed with despair to see that the world is filled with problems like war and drugs. There's an endless catalog of disasters. Writing gives us a way of thinking about these things and offering us a way through experiences toward comprehension.



Writer Jay Parini (right) with WC sophomore Peter Torigoe at Hynson-Ringgold House.

those important things will be attended to. I have my life arranged so that I have time for my children and my wife, my students, and plenty of time for the projects I am working on in my writing.

Q: Concerning "The Greening of the Humanities," what in nature inspires your writing?

A: The great thing about nature is that it doesn't tarnish the way human experience tarnishes. It endlessly renews itself so that there is something perpetually hopeful about the natural world. Every day, the sun rises and the

# Pitching: A Writer's Guide To The Baseball Greats

by Professor Robert Day

"See that graveyard over there?" says Ed Athey, athletic director of Washington College and head coach of the school's baseball team. We are standing on the pitching mound of Kibler Field in Chestertown, Maryland. This is more than twenty years ago.

"Yes," I say. The graveyard toward which Ed is pointing shelves itself on a hill behind the third base dugout and beyond the railroad tracks of the local grain train that cut through the back of the college campus. It is out of reach of even the greatest slugger's drive: Not Swish Nicholson, not Home Run Baker, not even Jimmy Foxx in his prime could have hit a pitch into the Chestertown graveyard from where Ed and I are standing.

"What about it?" I say.

I am Ed Athey's new pitching coach, a volunteer from the faculty who has a modest career in high school and college to his credit.

For the previous hour or so I have tried to realize ("revitalize" is the word I really see in my mind's eye, but I am keeping that to myself) my baseball youth by hurling batting practice to the lean and hungry hitters of the Washington College squad. It has been slow going. My old form is no doubt somewhere in the arrangement of the bones and muscle and cartilage of my burgeoning middle-aged body, but an afternoon of throwing has not yet brought all these parts into anything like the dependable prose rhythm you need to pitch well.

Two pitches in point: My curveball (which out of vanity — and, I have noticed, to the barely contained amusement of the young hitters — I signal with a twist of the wrist before I throw so the catcher and batter know what's coming) has more the droop of a chewed toothpick than the fishhook it needs to fool keen eyes. Eddie Lopat (who had three speeds of curveball: slow, slower and slowest) is Bullet Bob Feller compared with me this afternoon. And my fastball — which even in my youth was never anything to point a radar gun at — seems to have lost what movement it once had, unless you count as "movement" a decided dropping off at about sixty feet-six inches as if, approaching the end of a long day, it wanted to plop itself down on a couch for a nap.

Beyond these two staples in my repertoire I have tried my Hoyt Wilhelm knuckleball (in the dirt five out of five times, although one hitter hit it on the bounce for a clean single to right); my Ewell Blackwell sidearm cross-fire (thrown about a foot behind a startled right-handed hitter two out of two times); my change-up (telegraphed so clearly that it looked more like Satchel Paige's "hesitation" pitch: two blows,



PHOTO: GIBSON ANTHONY

*Coach Athey tries in vain to revive the author's pitching arm.*

both out of the park); a Christy Mathewson "fadeaway," the ancient version of a "screwball" (hit over the left field fence two out of five times); two sliders (no slide, no drop, nada: deep hits); two spitballs (one resulting in a clothesline drive down the third base line and one in a rifle shot back through the box that made me feel like Herb Score when Gil McDougald took aim); and finally some Walter "Big Train" Johnson semi-submarine pitches, most of which hit high on the backstop and dropped like dead pigeons. In this version of my "revitalization"

I begin to see myself as some slow-pitch softball moundsman sent onto the field by Bill Veecik to bring comic relief to an otherwise dull game: Call me Eddie Gaedel. Ah, the stages of life.

"There are arms in that graveyard," says Coach Athey, giving me a wan smile and a pat on the back because Ed can no more be cross with a man than he can tell a story that isn't true, "there are arms in that graveyard that have more life left in them than yours."

Truth is a fastball high and tight that backs you out of the box every time.

### The Eastern Shore League, Then and Now

The Eastern Shore of Maryland was once wonderful baseball country. If you believe in ghosts, as in the real live Ed Athey — who retired as athletic director a few years back but still coaches the Washington College team — it still is. The truth of my dead arm is another matter.

From about 1922 until 1949, the towns that sprawl along or near the coves and creeks and estuaries on this side of Chesapeake Bay fielded a number of Class D minor league teams. In Maryland, Crisfield and Salisbury and Cambridge and Easton and Pocomoke City all had teams at one time or another. In Virginia, teams represented Parksley and Northampton County; while in Delaware, Dover and Laurel among others, they put players destined for the major league onto the field. "Shore hopes," I believe these players considered themselves. And Shore hopes might well have been what they thought they were cheering,

Most of the ballplayers on these teams were not home-grown. They shagged flies and fielded grounders and doubled to left among the soybean fields and the peach groves and the cantaloupe patches long enough to ripen for the big leagues: strangers in

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the land of pleasant living. Mickey Cochrane (Athletics and Tigers, catcher), Joe Collins (Yankees, first baseman), Carl "The Reading Rifle" Furillo (Dodgers, outfielder), Danny Murtaugh (Pirates, second base and manager), Red Ruffing (Red Sox, Yankees, pitcher), George "Twinkletoes" Selkirk (Yankees, outfielder) and Mickey Vernon (Senators, first baseman) all once saw action on the Eastern Shore. At least two major league umpires (Larry Napp and Frank Dascoli) called balls and strikes in such towns as Centreville, Maryland, and Milford, Delaware. Connie Mack himself once served as president of the Federalsburg A's. But most of the Eastern Shore League's national fame comes from strictly local heroes.

Driving into Sudlersville, Maryland, from Church Hill, Maryland, along Route 300, you cross Dell Foxx Road. Note the two x's in Foxx, the same two employed by James Emory "Double X" Foxx, the author of 534 career home runs and a .325 lifetime batting average. Dell Foxx — or Mr. Dell, as he was called — was Jimmy Foxx's father. While Dell Foxx Road is a memorial to the farm family that reared the great Athletic and Red Sox driver, a large engraved stone in the center of Sudlersville is the town's tribute to the hitter himself.

Not far away in Chestertown, near the town hall, is a statue in honor of Bill "Swish" Nicholson (all-star outfielder for the Cubs), his bat finishing a swing that has no doubt hit one clear into the Chester River, three blocks away. The nickname, by the way, came

from what Ed Athey calls the "emphatic" swing Nicholson had.

"If he missed a pitch, you could hear his bat cutting the air," says Ed. "When he came up to the plate the fans would cheer, 'Swish, Swish, Swish.' It would go around the stands like a wave."

As for Frank "Home Run" Baker of Trappe, Maryland, he got his name when — as a third baseman for Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics — he pounded a game-tying homer against Christy Mathewson (the Prince of Pitchers) of John McGraw's New

York Giants. It was in the third game of the 1911 World Series, and while Home Run Baker led the National League that season and the three seasons after that, he did so — in that pre-Ruthian era — by hitting a dozen or fewer home runs a year.

### The Radio, Circa 1950

By stringing a few extension cords together I could get my father's basement radio (a pre-portable model) halfway down the gravel driveway that abutted the dirt road that ran by our house. On the other side of the road were a vacant yard to the northwest (right field) and an abandoned house to the southwest (left field). Deep center (due west) was the remains of a back yard picket fence. Home plate was the end of our driveway. Balls were rocks from the driveway, while my bats were a series of "hitting sticks" I would fashion out of scrap from father's carpentry project. The ballgame itself (in which I was always the batter) would be dictated by the Saturday or Sunday afternoon radio broadcast of the out-of-town games played by the Kansas City Blues, a Triple-A farm team for the New York Yankees. Although the three-person Day family lived deep into the country west of Kansas City, I was — as it turned out — not a boy too far from town to learn baseball.

*Cerv hits a drive deep to left — back, back, back. It is going. It is going. It's gone. It is over the fence. A two-run homer for Bob Cerv with Bill Renka scoring in front of him. What a drive, folks. What a drive. Out of sight.*

As Bill Renna had already singled sharply to center with a rock shot over the road and into the grass just beyond the drainage ditch, it was only a matter of putting Bob Cerv's homer over the roof of the vacant house (on the roof was a triple; against the wall was a double), something I could usually do before the next batter came up, but not without a few foul balls and a couple of grounders that didn't count in the game of my dreams. Sooner or later there would be that solid whack of my hitting stick against a good round rock, and off Cerv's drive would go in perfect imitation of what happened on the radio.

What my father thought of all this as he sat in a lawn chair reading the sports page and listening to the ballgame he never said, although surely he must have noted there was some pace to my hitting stones that matched the play-by-play on the radio. Also, it was our custom in those days to play a game of catch after the "radio game" — as he called it — was over. Throwing the ball back and forth, my father would from time to time toss me a "grounders" to one side or the other, and if I fielded it well he'd say: *That's a Phil Rizzuto for you. That's a Pee Wee Reese.*

On fly balls I'd be Joe DiMaggio or — because my father was a Red Sox fan, due to his deep admiration for Ted Williams's service in the Korean War — I could become, when I caught up with one of his tossed deep drives, a Dom DiMaggio. *That's a Dom DiMaggio. Do you know who Dom DiMaggio is?* As Dom DiMaggio was not on the radio in Kansas City, I did not. *He's the forgotten brother of Joe, just like Korea will be the forgotten war, my father would say. Don't forget the forgotten.*

If I muffed the grounder or dropped the long fly, my father would throw one in just the same way until I fielded it correctly. In this way all my errors on our front lawn cum Kansas City Blues fantasy baseball field were swept clean, so that my play seemed as spotless as a new uniform or a freshly dusted home plate.

But while my father indulged me (and perhaps himself) in our imitation baseball games, it is true as well that he was the one who, a few summers later (it was the same summer we discussed — in a roundabout way — the origin of puppies), broke the bubble of

illusion about radio games and told me that the out-of-town baseball I was listening to on these Saturday and Sunday afternoons was broadcast not from, say, Minneapolis, where the games were in fact being played, but from a building in Kansas City, complete with prerecorded crowd noise and bat whacks. The announcers, my father asserted, were describing the Bob Cervs and the Cliff Mapepes and Ralph Houks from a ticker tape they were getting in the studio near the radio tower that I could see at night out of my bedroom window blinking, blinking in the distance, twenty or so miles to the east.

I remember my hitting stick was in my hand when my father told me the true nature of the radio baseball broadcasts. Mickey Mantle (who had been sent to the minors briefly by the Yankees) had just doubled to right. A double to right was tricky business on my field. You had to put it between a cottonwood tree in right center and a dead ash tree that marked the right field foul line and in which a mother blue jay was raising her young. Beyond that, you had to hit a pile of rubble that was an abandoned car and various other metal junk, which would ping to signal your two-base hit. Before I pitched up my stone for my left-handed swing (like Mantle, I could hit from both sides of the plate), I hesitated. What was I hitting? Was it a stone or a ball? *Next up is the catcher...* Where was I hitting it? Into the right field fence or into a pile of Studebaker rubble? Who was on first? Was that Ralph Houk coming up or Bobby Day? What was the score? Who was I? *What's the matter, son?* Not a thing, I think now, as long as I can imagine the game for myself. Television, I have learned, is the real enemy of reality.

### Home Run Baker, 1995

"I once met Frank Baker," Ed Athey says to me. We are sitting in the third base dugout on the baseball field on the Washington College campus. The College team has not yet come out for practice. The day is warm. The dogwoods are in full bloom; the campus lilac bushes are beginning to blush. The infield grass is clipped and the base paths have been freshly dragged. The pitcher's mound looks lonely without me. I have come to ask for my old job back but worry I won't have the nerve.

Tom Kibler (for whom the adjoining

athletic field is named) was Ed Athey's coach, and once president of the Eastern Shore League. Kibler and Baker had played ball together. The history of baseball is, like most histories, linked to the past by a series of serendipitous handshakes. I am about to learn that the man whose hand I shook by way of greeting earlier this afternoon has shaken the hand of Home Run Baker, who in his turn no doubt shook hands with Walter Johnson, into whose glove William Howard Taft (the first president to throw out an opening day ball) once tossed a slow fat one at the Washington Senators' National Park (at Seventh and Florida Avenues) to start the 1910 season.

"What was he like?" I say. "Home Run Baker. What was he like?"

"Big," says Ed. "I remember thinking when he came out of his home in Trappe, 'That's a big, rawboned man.' He had a ruddy outdoor quality to him. He might have been a farmer who worked in the fields all day, he looked so strong and healthy. I can see his face now. Stern. Like he was still trying to get a hit."

"Did you talk baseball?"

"He talked baseball with Coach Kibler," says Ed. "We were giving Baker a ride to Salisbury for an award by the Eastern Shore League. I sat in the back seat all the way down and all the way back but I sat forward in it and right in the middle so I could hear everything they said. They talked about home runs and about how soft the ball was when Frank Baker played. He seemed to remember one home run in particular. I think it was toward the end of his career."

"Did you ever see Ruth play?" I ask. "I did," says Ed Athey. "I saw him on a barnstorming tour over in Cumberland, Maryland. He was playing in the Wineow Street stadium. He was with a whole team of major leaguers whose names you could find in any baseball book today, but I can't remember anybody but Ruth. You knew him the minute you saw him. He filled the field."

"Did he homer?"

"He did. And it was the longest home run he ever hit."

"How do they know?" I ask.

"Because it went over the right field fence and landed in a coal car that was passing through on the tracks that ran just outside the stadium. The ball probably went another hundred miles

before it touched ground." Here Ed laughs in delight at the story.

"Did you see it land in the coal car?"

"I did not," says Ed. "I was sitting too low in the stands to see the trains go by the outfield fence. I could hear them, though. But you had to sit up higher to see Ruth's homer land in the train. Somebody told me that's what happened. I don't know if it's true."

"I would have seen it," I say. "No matter where I had been sitting, I can see it now. It bounces once when it hits the coal and raises a puff of dust."

"That's why you're a writer," says Ed.

### The Author, 1950

The summer I was eight, my father took me down to the Cub Scout ballpark for the tryouts. That would be the year I started playing baseball for real instead of just in the radio games I banged out at the end of my driveway (although those would continue for many years).

"What position do you want to play?" my father asked as we were driving to the field.

"Batter," I said.

"Everybody's a hitter," he said.

"You have to play some other position."

"I just want to bat," I said. "I don't want to play another position."

This was all before television and before I had ever seen a real game of baseball. Hearing games over the radio and playing catch with my father, I understood in some dim way that there were players other than batters.

"You play in the field for half an inning and then you bat for the other," he said.

"I don't want to," I said. What parents never seem to understand about children is how much their world is shaped by themselves. And how little of it they are willing to explain by way of explanation: How to tell my father that only hitters mattered because in the game at the end of the driveway (which was the only game going in my mind), I was always the batter. And I was all batters just as he was all fathers. How to be other than ourselves?

"We'll see," said my father.

What we saw (what I saw) was that the game as played on a field other than my own had as its author a player who stood on a mound of brown dirt with a white dash running partway across it — and that I wanted to be that

author. Did I think that then? I must have: I think it now. How else to explain that puff of coal dust rising from Ruth's home run?

### The Ball, Circa 1990

A number of years ago, Amos, my Labrador Retriever, made the national news for his ability to sniff out and retrieve all kinds of lost balls in the raspberry and blackberry patches that border the athletic fields at Washington College. Mainly he retrieved lacrosse balls, nearly a thousand over a ten-year stretch. But he also found softballs (ten), soccer balls (two — he pushed them out of the weeds with his nose) and baseballs (a hundred or so). One of those baseballs was an especially old and black one with its cover badly torn so that you could see the string inside. I saved it to give to Ed Athey at a celebration in his honor when he retired as athletic director.

"I have in my hand," I said when it came my turn to speak, "the last ball Ed ever hit out of the park as a player for Washington College. That was on June 4th, 1942, at 2:32 in the afternoon. Amos retrieved it just this week. It was buried so deep in the weeds it took him an hour to dig it out." There was some general laughter and a round of applause.

"That dog saved us a bit of money over the years," said Ed, looking at the beaten-up old ball I had just given him. "And we sure are grateful," he went on, now beginning to turn the ball around in his hand as if studying a lineup card. "But I have to say, I don't think this is the last ball I hit out. I think I went and got that one back myself."

In my mind's eye, I am throwing the pitch Ed hit: It is my Ewell Blackwell side-arm cross-fire, this time with a screwball tacked onto the end so that after it drives Ed out of the box, it sneaks back over the plate for a strike. But the pitch is so slow that Ed can recover before it slips into the catcher's mitt. He hits it halfway to the graveyard. Somewhere I hear the whistle of a coal train coming down the tracks.

### Sorrento, Italy, Circa 1953

I am standing at the end of a jetty that goes out into the Mediterranean. I have found myself an Italian hitting stick, a smooth piece of driftwood. With it I am hitting line drives and towering home runs into the water.

Center field is Sardinia, right field is Corsica and left field is Capri (we have been studying world geography in grade school, and one of the conditions my parents have placed on me during this — our first trip to Europe — is that I know both where I am and where I have been).

Where I have been during the previous hour is hitting stones into the sea while my mother and father amble the streets and poke among the shops of Sorrento itself. (My father, by the way, in Rome the previous day, has sung "Come Back to Sorrento" to my mother at Alfredo's restaurant in his fine Irish tenor voice and to the complete amazement and no doubt embarrassment of Alfredo's American tourist patrons, but to the great delight of the Italian waiters — and of Alfredo himself who has given my mother the pasta bowl out of which he has dispensed his fettuccine).

It is nearly sundown as I make my way toward the end of the game. Yogi Berra (the Kansas City Blues have given way to the 1953 New York Yankees, and without a radio I am playing my own games in my own mind) has just singled toward the coast of France. Cannes, no doubt. Hank Bauer (who doubled toward Tunis) has come home.

About half an hour before I have noticed some small boys playing soccer on the beach. Now they are coming up the jetty, keeping their ball in front of them with their feet. My hitting is about to draw a crowd, albeit a tiny one, and of course one that will have to cheer me on in Italian.

Giving up Gene Woodling (the hits sixth in my lineup) for some general outfield fungos, I rap a few flies into the water. A boy kicks the soccer ball gently in my direction. I put my foot out to stop it, but it rolls past me. Everybody laughs.

The boy who kicked me the ball makes a waving motion with his arm, something like hitting. I give him my bat, pick up a few stones from the jetty and give them to him as well. He looks at me for a moment, then tosses one tentatively in the air, swings, and misses. He tries again: no luck. I don't feel so bad about the soccer ball. Five strikes later, he pops up. In my mind's eye Billy Martin catches it with ease around second base.

"DiMaggio," he says as he gives me back the bat. I give him his soccer ball

which I have picked up. "DiMaggio," he says again, pointing at me.

"DiMaggio," says one of the boys from the group there on the jetty. They all point at me. "DiMaggio."

I pick up some stones, sorting through them to find good round ones. Facing the sea, I open my stance in imitation of the Yankee Clipper, even though he is not on my team.

"DiMaggio," I say.

"DiMaggio," they say.

I toss up my best stone and hit a towering drive well over Andy Pafko in left field and into the bleachers of Alexandria. Grace under pressure. Everybody cheers.

### The Stretch, Now and Then — and in the Future

Probably more than half of the text of baseball writing is statistics. Readers of *The Sports Encyclopedia of Baseball* (Expanded, Revised and Updated), Grosset and Dunlap, 1981 (it's the most recent edition I have) will find a hundred pages of statistics for every page of prose. (Sloppy Thurston on page 141, for example, was a right-handed pitcher for the Chicago White Sox in 1924, was at that time 25 years old. Among his other 13 statistical accomplishments, he pitched one shut-out and had an earned run average of 3.80.) In baseball, immortality in print is a matter of lines in the tables, not volumes on the shelf — much less home runs that land in coal cars or on the beaches of Corsica. Put another way, baseball statistics are the ultimate factual prose, the epitome of nonfiction. Truth itself. Ah, truth.

My own statistical life is more dubious, mainly because I am the author of it both on the field and off: in the book and out. Full disclosure here: Everything I have written thus far is true the way radio baseball is true, including the following table:

*Player:* Day, Robert

*Position:* Batter (1950-1950); Pitcher (1950 to present); Writer (1950 to present)

*Tennis:* Kansas City Radios (1949 to present); New York Yankees (1953 to present); Sorrento All Stars (1953 to present); Washington College Sho'men (1972 to present).

*Won/Lost:* Yes.

### The Ball, 1953-1995

There is a baseball on the desk where I write. It has the autographs of the 1953 Yankees: Allie Reynolds, Ewell Blackwell, Mickey Mantle, Phil Rizzuto, Casey Stengel, Larry Berra, Hank Bauer, Vic Raschi, Gil McDougald, Frank Crosetti, among others. Like some writers I know who touch wood to keep their game going, I touch the ball to coach my paragraphs around the bases. It is my hope that the signatures will not fade before I do.

My father and I bought the ball from a vendor (it was the last in his case) in Yankee Stadium one Sunday afternoon: two dollars from my father's wallet and all three dollars from a roll of one-dollar bills bound tightly by a rubber band and kept in my right front jeans pocket. It was what was left of the five dollars I had brought as my allowance all the way from Kansas City to New York.

We had seen the balls for sale on the way in — or at least I had. All through the game (which Vic Raschi pitched and the Yankees won) I remembered those balls: They filled up the field in my mind even as the players who had signed them filled the field in front of me.

Between innings four and five my

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father and I left our seats to get some peanuts, and I went one stall down to look again at the balls, now much fewer in number. During the seventh-inning stretch, I went on my own to the men's room and stopped by the ball vendor to look once again. He was down to two balls. He pulled one out of the case and put it on the counter. I could see that Phil Rizzuto had signed just beneath Ray Scarborough. I touched my three dollars in my pocket and wished I had five.

After the game, my father led me to the vendor who had the baseballs. There was one left.

"You want to sell the boy that ball," my father said.

"He's been looking at it," said the man as he took the ball out of the case and spun it around on the top of the counter, then tossed it to me. "Do you throw your fastball with the seams or across them?" he asked.

"Across them," I said, putting my index finger and middle finger across Tom Gorman and Casey Stengel.

"You'll get better movement with the seams," said the man.

"How much?" said my father.

Maybe he was hoping for a sale price at the end of the game.

"Five dollars," said the man. "Five dollars and you'll never forget it. Cheap for a memory."

He was right about that.

### The Windup, 1995

You don't need a batting practice pitcher this year, do you?" I say in such a way that Ed Athey won't think I'm serious. His players are coming out from the locker room for practice. Some of them are beginning to toss the ball around. The mound looks lonely without me.

Ed gets up and we step outside the dugout. He points over the roof toward where the train tracks cut through the back half of the campus.

The coal train has passed taking Babe Ruth's homer with it. Behind us I can hear the swish, swish of two strikes, then the thump of a drive hit into the Chester River. I see myself catching the opening day pitch from President Taft, the 1953 Yankees gathered on the field behind me. In the first in-

ning Berra will hit a double into an abandoned Studebaker in right. Mantle will follow with a long drive in the direction of Tunis.

"You see that graveyard," Ed says. "There are arms over there," I say, "that..."

Writers always get to throw the final pitch.

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# New Seminars Take Innovative Approach To Liberal Arts

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Take several small groups of freshmen, present them with interesting topics that are connected in some way to where they live, give them some interactive learning opportunities, introduce them to the research options available locally as well as via the Internet, and you've got a stellar academic program that has students talking, and doing, and going places. As part of the College's new General Education requirements, the freshman component of the Community, Nation & World Seminars — focusing on the first two areas — was instituted last fall. The program is getting rave reviews from students.

What's so great about these seminars, they say, is that they get out of the classroom and have opportunities to explore topics — such as the psychology of gender, human genetics, American film, Generation X — that satisfy their intellectual curiosity while training them in research method and investigative analysis.

We asked several first-year students to give us their personal account of a CNW Seminar. Some, like Janet Ely, J. T. Cunic and MacKenzie Parker, chose seminars relating to their career goals. Others, like Rakesh Shankar, a student from India intent on an economics major, sought to broaden their perspectives with a taste of the arts. Here is what they had to say about their introduction to college education.

## The Road to Writing Begins With Barth

by Janet Ely '99

One of the most meaningful experiences for a rising English major is the opportunity to participate in intensive study of literature. For students interested in the English program at Washington College there is no better way to become involved in this area than to enroll in the Community, Nation, and World seminar which focuses on the author John Barth.

The seminar on this noted writer of Eastern Shore literature was of particular interest to me because I fall into the category of people who foolishly desire to learn all they can about the great novelists of the past in order to perhaps become one of the great novelists of the future. When I realized that enrolling in this course would buy me the opportunity to meet a famed writer, travel to the places that he includes in his fiction, and generally absorb the environment which prompted a successful author, I was quite excited at the possibilities. In my particular case, I have known for a long time that I wish to become a writer, whether my career be in journalism, fiction writing, or perhaps both. The aspects of this course which made it genuine also genuinely appealed to me.

As the course progressed, my classmates and I were faced with a great amount of reading material. Barth had several distinct styles to which our instructor, Bob Day, hoped to pay equal attention. This, of course, came with the expense of much time spent with our noses in the books. It is, however, difficult to find boredom in Barth's works since they have such variety. That variety was what prompted our



*Students become new characters in the Theatre In Performance seminar.*

first "field" experience in the world of this writer.

After reading the novel *The Floating Opera*, my class had the opportunity to actually visit the setting of the piece. Most of the book takes place on the riverside in Cambridge, MD. Our tour guide was well-versed on the area and had many recollections of the Barth family from the time when they lived in Cambridge. It was almost as if we had stepped into the novel that we had just finished reading. We visited sites that were mentioned in the work and, although they have changed with the years, we could place ourselves in the characters' shoes for just a glimpse of their perspective.

My classmates and I were eager to begin the next series of books authored by Barth. We spent some time in the weeks following our trip discussing one of Barth's lengthier novels, *The Sot Weed Factor*. The style of this piece was entirely different from that of the books we had studied earlier in the semester. Again, the class was given the opportunity to interact with the literature. After we had successfully established questions that we would ask Barth were he able to attend one of our lectures, Professor Day announced the date on which we would actually be able to present those questions to the author himself. The class was very excited about meeting the writer in person and everyone decided to get their books autographed. John Barth was personable and agreeably answered the questions we posed to him. Almost every student had something to ask the author, including questions about his diversity in style, the inclusion of certain repeated images in his work, the use of the audience in the literature and many other aspects of his writing as well.

As a final project for our seminar, we were asked to work in conjunction with the Literary Press manager, Mike Kaylor, to produce a set of postcards. A collection of these cards were to be sent to Mr. Barth as a way of thanking him for agreeing to speak with us. In order to produce these cards, we had to choose a metal letter type from the many type cases that Mr. Kaylor has in the cellar of the Lit House. Using an old-fashioned ink press machine, we then printed out copies of our own selected verse which we had set ourselves. I still have a few of the cards that I printed out — some I might send

as greetings but others I plan to save as a memento of the visit and the course.

As a person on the road to a career in writing, my seminar experiences with Professor Day have influenced the way in which I view famous writing and writers. Barth taught all of us a huge lesson when he came to visit us. An author doesn't have to be from a big town where action takes place 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Even if you come from a small community, writing about home can lead you on the road to fame as an author.



## Discovering The New Plagues

by MacKenzie Parker '99

A highly infectious, deadly virus from the central African rain forest suddenly surfaces in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. There is no cure. In a few days 90 percent of its victims are dead." This passage from *The Hot Zone* describes an actual and current account of Ebola — only one of a multitude of infectious diseases covered in the CNW course entitled "Emerging and Evolving Pathogens." The study of Ebola is characteristic of the high interest content found in the course that keeps us anxiously awaiting more information from Dr. Kate Verville.

The class takes place in a very relaxed atmosphere. Our discussions are based upon the required reading material, including *The Hot Zone*, *The Coming Plague*, and *The Andromeda Strain*. Every student becomes actively in-

volved in the discussions and many intriguing questions arise. Dr. Verville is always eager to answer questions or to help us find the resources necessary to resolve the inquiry.

One of the aspects of the class that I enjoy most is the opportunity for hands-on work. Early in the course we discussed bacteria and we were curious to see exactly what bacteria existed in and on natural substances. To help satisfy our curiosity, Dr. Verville set up a demonstration. We took cultures from various sources — including soil,

snow, and rinse water for an ice cream scoop in the Dining Hall — and grew them in petri dishes. After a week in the lab, we observed a surprisingly numerous and wide variety of bacteria!

We also conducted a group research and presentation project. Each group was assigned an infectious disease to research and report to the class. This project allowed us to learn about a new topic and also to use the Internet to access The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a resource and download issues of "The Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report."

We also practiced giving presentations, which will become more routine as we become upperclassmen. The group presentation I worked on dealt with Lyme disease. We learned a lot of facts about Lyme disease. For example, Lyme disease was named after the town of Old Lyme, Connecticut, where the first case was discovered in 1975. The class also enjoyed a field trip to the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.



(Opposite) Students in Professor Frank Cregan's "It's Analytic, My Dear Watson" forensic science seminar — in foreground, from left to right, Michele Marks, J. T. Cunic and Sara Litoff, examine hair samples under the microscope. In the background, David Riegel checks for indication of drug residue.

(Above) Students in Professor Robert Day's CNW Seminar on "The Writings of John Barth" selected excerpts from the Maryland novelist's works to print by hand on letterpresses in the O'Neill Literary House. Here, freshmen Janet Ely and Marissa Bowers check a proof with master printer Mike Kaylor.

As an introductory college course, Emerging and Evolving Pathogens is extremely interesting. We discuss many diseases, both of the past and those which are newly emerging that directly affect our generation. Emerging and Evolving Pathogens stimulates our minds to think about human behaviors and how they can be changed to maintain a healthy atmosphere. Not everyone in the class has an interest in pursuing a medical career, as I do, but

we all find the course intriguing. Having a variety of interests among those in the class allows us to hear many perspectives during our discussions.

Recently, while studying vaccines, we engaged in ethical discussions. Should vaccinations be made mandatory? Do cultural, religious, or personal beliefs have a right to be honored? Who should govern these matters? The class runs for fifty minutes and we often find ourselves running out of time. Emerging and Evolving Pathogens is not a course where you find yourself looking at your watch every five minutes to see how much longer you must endure the pain of lecture. Note taking is not required, since there are no exams, but most of us find ourselves so intrigued by what is discussed that we feel the need to write things down for our own benefit.

The CNW program is a very important part of the liberal arts curriculum at Washington College. Since the Community and Nation courses satisfy the freshman writing obligation, the variety of courses offered as part of CNW allows us to choose and experience classes dealing with material not

normally studied in an English class. Writing as a biology major, I am obtaining through the CNW program the writing skills typically presented in an English class such as Forms of Literature and Composition. In addition, I have gained research and computer skills from a course that I chose based upon my interest in pursuing a major in biology.

## All the World's A Stage

by Rakesh Shankar '99

**I**n today's fast-paced world, human kind has little leisure time. We are so busy putting in unseemly hours of tedious work in order to earn a few extra dollars that we may never spend that we lose out on the little pleasures in life. In this new scientific world inhabited by cheerless robotic workaholics who run on purely intrinsic values, the only savior seems to be the arts. As Stella Adler once said, "Life beats down and crushes the soul, and art reminds you that you have one."

In the course of our long and arduous journey towards a successful in-

duction into "that wild world out there," there are points at which we can rest and look into that magical world and have a chance to redeem ourselves before we are sucked into the all powerful flow of reality. One such island in the high waters of the Washington College freshman is the CNW course Theater in Performance.

The object of this particular course is exactly as it says: to study theater in performance. In this course, the student studies the basic aspects of theater and its various components. We learn the importance of the actor, the director, the playwright, the dramaturg, the set designer, the costume designer and others, but most importantly, we learn how these different spokes have to come together in order to present a successful play. The actual learning process involves a number of things. We watch professional performances in Baltimore or Washington D.C. and discuss in class what we have seen and how it came about. In addition to this, we put on our own performances of scenes from the plays we have seen, with emphasis on studying theater and its aspects, but without ignoring the fun of it. We are trained to watch plays critically and are required to write our own original scenes. We keep a journal of our personal feelings on the topics discussed in class, write critiques for the performances we see, and most importantly, discuss at length the various aspects of the plays and of theater in general.

During the spring semester, we saw three totally diverse plays: *The Waiting Room* by Lisa Loomer, *All's Well That Ends Well* by William Shakespeare and *The Spunk*, by George C. Wolfe from stories by Nora Zeale Hurston. This course is particularly attractive to students not only because we can see three professional performances, but also because we get a chance to go as a group, for the journey itself is often as much fun as the destination. Probably the most fascinating aspect of the course is that it is taught by the three professors of the drama department — Tim Maloney, Dale Daigle and Jason Rubin — all of whom bring their own distinctive viewpoints and vast per-

sonal experiences to the class. Also satisfying is the fact that we can speak out our honest personal opinions in class without fear of reproach. But most importantly, this course adds that extra flavor that one might miss without a liberal arts education. Biology, psychology, economics, history, drama—irrespective of what one is majoring in, the student gets something special from this course. It is this special something that makes this course fun, exciting and educational.



MacKenzie Parker, Anne Klug, Alyssa Wiedenmayer, and Alaina Hankins grew bacteria from various samples taken around campus, including the ice cream scoop rinse water in the Dining Hall, and explored the Centers for Disease Control website via the Internet.

## The Art of Scientific Crime Fighting

by J. T. Cunic '99

In Dr. Frank Creegan's CNW course, "It's Analytical My Dear Watson," we entered the world of crime — not committing them, but trying to solve them. I was one of those who opted to become the character of a suspense novel and see what criminalistics was really about. I am interested in one day becoming an FBI agent and I figured that this would be a good way to get started. The course examined famous crimes and the means by which they were solved. The course also in-

cluded lab experiments that analyzed hair and fiber samples, drug residue, and fingerprints.

The class divided its time between lecture and laboratory experiments. In lecture we learned about famous criminal cases, many of which had taken years to solve. Some of the more famous ones were the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby and the identity of Anastasia. Each had its own elements that made them distinctive, yet each were threaded with the same needle.

They involved the search for justice.

At the end of the course, we were asked to prepare a case study on a list of chosen cases. We worked together as groups and used the knowledge that we had learned to prepare a presentation.

Laboratory sessions often involved testing a variety of substances. We analyzed our fingerprints for loops and whorls. Hair and fibers were examined for color and configuration. Drug residue was tested to determine its substance. These labs often tested items which went unnoticed in a crime scene, but played a key factor in

determining the decision of a case. In these experiments, each student played detective with the goal of putting all the pieces together.

The class also included a lecture by FBI agent Peggy Casey '84. We examined the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. Replicas of bombs and tubing were produced to give us a better understanding of what many agents deal with. We then traveled to Washington D.C. to get a complete overview of the FBI. This enthralled me. I was finally able to see how the methods we had learned in class were being applied by real agents to solve actual cases.

This was a great way for me to begin my undergraduate studies. The CNW course gave me the opportunity to explore one of my interests that I might not have been able to at another college or university. I was given an insightful look at crime and the methods by which cases are solved. I was learning, and at the same time satisfying one of my interests.

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## Alumni Brave Winter's Chill For Sake of WC/Navy Lax

by John Parker '55

Lacrosse has long been considered a spring sport. That is, until the Shoremen squad ventured to the U.S. Naval Academy for the traditional season opener on February 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Braving the cold were more than 30 alumni from the Annapolis Chapter as well as some hearty folk from Baltimore and Kent County. The Annapolis Chapter had the good sense to sponsor a convivial get-together at

McGarvey's, a popular watering hole in the state capital. Many of the attendees were former lacrosse players, representing the days when sticks were made of wood.

Our big mistake was leaving McGarvey's. Greeting the supportive alumni when they entered the astro-turfed stadium by the Severn River were gale force winds and depressingly low temperatures. In fact, two members of the color guard were almost blown into the Severn River during the ritual playing of the National Anthem. Needless to say, these wise alumni (and several sets of parents of players, spouses, students, offspring and one intrepid Washington College dean, Dr. Beverly Wolff) were bundled up to beat the band, but the freezing conditions continued throughout the game. As usual, the players didn't seem to mind the arctic atmosphere.

The score? Well, Navy prevailed 12-4, but the WC alumni outcheered the Middies' crowd by a wide margin.

Those known to survive the elements that night were: Susan Stobbart '91, Jen Sponseller '92, John Parker '55, Kevin Colbeck '90, Erika Del Priore '89, Adriane Beane '92, Peter Jons '93, Mark Connors '93, Barry Drew '70, Dutch Siersema '93, Rachael Rice '92, Chuck Waesche '53, Bob Lipsitz '54, Jim McCurdy '52, Catherine Rogers '95, Wisty Wurts '94, Mary Price Wick '95, Nancy Whiteley '79, Bruce Jaeger '66, Gibby Semmes '94, Tim Riggins '94, Anne Barnett '59, Bill Barnett '55, Carolyn Athey '93, Alicia Carberry '95, David Dennehy '95, Rory Conway '94, Christian Hunt '91, Pete Basel '94, Bill Weber '91, and Ed Athey '67 (who was dressed for the occasion and looked somewhat like Nanook of the North!).



### President Toll Visits California Alumni

Ted Kurze '43 and his wife Joan hosted an alumni event in celebration of Washington's birthday at the exclusive California Club in Los Angeles, CA, on February 22. Much of Southern California was represented in the Fireside Room as Dr. John Toll gave an update on our alma mater. Dr. Kurze was enthusiastic with the supportive turnout and proposed a future event. Dr. Toll and the Kurzes were joined by alumni Nancy Bragg '60, Cynthia '91 and Michael Griswold, A. Powell '49 and Louise Merryman '48, Harrison and Jane Hendron '87, Michael '72 and Laura Hoopes, John Lord '75, Mark Phaneuf '94, Peter Rosen '68, Ron Smith '64 and Tammy Tiehl '86.

# College Hosts Tennis Reunion

by Rachael Rice '92

Even though the rain fell and the wind howled, the inside of the Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center was plenty toasty as alumni and friends of the Washington College tennis program gathered for the first tennis reunion on January 27.

Athletic Director Bryan Matthews '75 and Head Coach Matt Rose welcomed the group of 35 former players coaches and friends. Five former coaches were on hand: Holly Bramble '74, Ed Athey '47, Fred Wyman, Tom Finnegan '65 and Tom Eliason '42. Former players came from as far as Chicago and Florida.

The tennis activities included some highly competitive matches. The tandem of Rachael Rice '92 and Miriam Dittmann '92 "saved face" and scored a come-from-behind 7-5 victory over Jen Sloan '93 and Kristy Karns. In the battle of All-Americans, 1987 All-Americans Rich Phoebus '89 and Peter Maller '90 edged 1992 All-Americans Trevor Hurd '92 and Alberto Diaz. Past prevailed over present as Andy Bohutinsky '92 and Alberto Diaz '95 tripped Andrew Moffat '97 and Miro Beran '97. In the featured mixed doubles match, Pam Hendrickson '94 and Beran dropped Andrew King '97 and Miriam Dittmann.

The activities closed with special awards and with the screening of the famous Jenny Jones episodes featuring one of America's most eligible bachelors, Roman Inochovsky '90. Tom Eliason had the distinction of being the oldest alumnus at the event. Andy Bohutinsky was honored for coming the farthest distance and Pam Hendrickson and Howard Edson '83



were voted female and male players of the day.

Those who remained in Chestertown for the night visited some favorite haunts, including Procolino's, the Cain Gymnasium (to watch WC play Ursinus in basketball) and Andy's.

*Friendly competition and camaraderie ruled the first alumni tennis reunion.*

## Kenly Jenkins Memorial Fish Fry Renews Tradition

The weather was beautiful, the fish were tasty, and a tradition continued. On Saturday, April 13, a large group of players, parents, alumni, and friends of the Washington College lacrosse team renewed one of the program's time-honored practices — the old-fashioned, Eastern Shore fish fry. An overwhelming crowd of more than 300 people spilled into the yard of Roger and Sally Mangels in Tolchester to celebrate a 14-7 victory over Centennial Conference rival Gettysburg at the first-ever Kenly Jenkins Memorial Fish

Fry. The event was sponsored by the generosity of several anonymous donors, and many thanks go to Roger and Sally Mangels and their sons, Carl and Neil, for hosting the event.

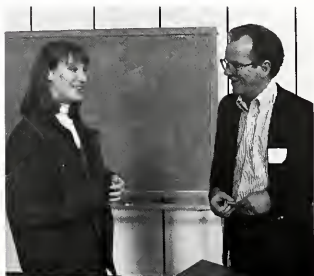
Tents, tables, open fires, and coolers filled the Mangels' yard. Over 500 pounds of fresh fish, mostly perch and trout, were fried in huge rectangular pans on the fires by professional fish fryers from Rock Hall. Homemade biscuits, potatoes, and onions were prepared in large iron skillets. A busload of alumni came from Baltimore, highlighting a turnout of approximately 75 to 100 WC graduates that were in attendance.

"This is truly a unique part of Eastern Shore lore and the Washington College experience," stated Athletic Director Bryan Matthews ('75). "I remember as both a player and coach how special these events were, and I am glad that the current players and parents had a chance to experience this. It was a fitting send off for Kenly and a renewal of a wonderful Shoreman tradition."

The event was held in honor of Kenly Jenkins, an honorary alumnus of the College, who was a regular at both home and away Shoreman games. Jenkins often organized the annual fish fry for lacrosse team players and friends during the 1970s and '80s. Jenkins passed away last autumn, and his friends decided that the best way to remember him was with what he loved best.

## Alumni Give Students Career Advice

The Center for Career Development brought alumni back to campus for a day of career seminars with students. Here, John D. Hall '70, president of Time-Life Books chats with Janet Ely '99 about communications. Other panels focused on business and finance, education, law, government, and the sciences.



# CLASS NOTES

**'31** Edwin T. Luckey, from Hollywood, CA, visited Maryland in early April to visit with his brothers and sisters, all of them over the age of 70 and still going strong. Mr. Luckey, a retired film editor, is 89.

**'35** Dr. Ivon E. Culver and his wife have moved to Regency Oaks in Clearwater, FL, from their place in Palm Harbor, FL. They celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary with a cruise. Ivon says he is ready for 51 more years with Jane.

**'36** Miriam Hoeffcker spent her winter vacation in Baltimore. The weather slowed her down a little, but she enjoyed all the conveniences of city apartment living. She saw Carolyn Jewell Strangmann and Dorothy Clarke Clifford. She also enjoyed seeing her grandson, Tommy, wrestling at the Gilman School.

**'40** William "Mickey" H. Jones survived four life-threatening extensive hospital stays in 1995 and two major surgeries. Determined to confound the doctors, he later spent 28 days with his wife Kay in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland covering 4,500 land miles on their tour bus. Bill is convinced that a man who stays home learns nothing.

Edward L. McCabe is retired and is living near his daughter's family in La Grange Park, IL.

**'42** Admiral John W. Smith, USN Ret. has just received word that he has been approved for the "Lambda Chi Alpha Hall of Fame" for his performance and accomplishments in the U.S. Navy. The first ever "Alumni Hall of Fame" will be exhibited at the Lambda Chi Alpha 46th General Assembly in Dallas this June. Following the Assembly the exhibit will be moved to the Fraternity's International Headquarters in Indianapolis. Washington College President John Toll met and visited with Admiral Smith in late February during the President's brief stop en route to Baton Rouge.

**'43** Theodore Kurze reports that after twelve years of retirement, he has accepted a post as Director of Medical Education at University of California, Irvine, UCI Medical School. He and his wife, Joan, still maintain a residence in Chestertown and spend the other part of the year in Newport Beach, CA. On February 22nd, they hosted a meeting of the Washington College alumni from Southern California at The California Club in Los Angeles.

Harry M. Slade reports that he is active as a chemical consultant for a food and beverage industry.

**'46** George Bartram is enjoying his retirement in Rosedale, Baltimore County, MD. He was founder and past president of the Maryland State Jousting Tournament Association, has been president of his church congregation and has served on his church council. He belongs to almost every marine organization and is chaplain of the Maryland Chapter, First Marine Division. He also finds time to play golf.

Paul Blawie has practiced law in Bridgeport, CT, has served as State President of the American Trial Lawyers Association, Chairman of the Medical Legal Committee of the State Bar Association, Member of the Statewide Grievance Committee, Chairman of the Bench and Bar Committee for the Bridgeport Bar Association and served as an Attorney Trial Referee for the State of Connecticut. He has served as a lecturer in Law at The University of Bridgeport and Georgia Law School, has authored several publications in the field of law and has been very active in his community. Paul has 12 children, is a Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League and in 1980 was ordained a Roman Catholic Deacon for the Archdiocese of Hartford, CT. He calls himself "a nostalgic son of the Washington College Class of 1946 and a forever student of Amanda Bradley, Dutch Dumschott and a Pig Alley Alumnus."

Louis G. Blizzard retired from DuPont Tex-

tile Fibers Department in 1986 to assume his current position as President of Brikey Technologies, consultants to foreign and domestic textile industries. He claims that he will retire again someday soon when "It ain't fun no more."

Betty Wynn Brewer lives in the "real country" in Madison, VA. She and her husband Phil have two children and Betty stays busy with their many activities — Garden Club, D.A.R., Colonial Dames, Historical Society and Bernina Club (sewing). Betty is looking forward to seeing everyone from the Class of 1946 at Reunion!

Barbara Cooper Cawley reports that the day after graduation she married Wayne A. Cawley and has lived happily ever after. They have had the opportunity to do much traveling as Wayne was Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Maryland. She has raised five children, taught school and worked for Social Services as a case worker. Now she does crossword puzzles, reads and plays bridge and keeps house as little as possible.

Jean Gill Cooper has been married to her best friend, Ed Cooper '41, for almost 50 years. They live near Towson and have two sons and two grandchildren. They both enjoy golf, bridge and biking together and look forward to spending a couple of months in Naples, FL, every winter.

Michael F. Curcio was in the Marine Corps from 1943-1946, was married in 1947 and has three daughters and five grandchildren. In 1989 he retired from being Chairman of the Board of Landis Savings and Loan in Vineland, NJ, where he was the previous director.

Donald M. Derham is a member of the 1946 Reunion Committee and is looking forward to Reunion weekend. He has been busy since retiring from 3-M. He is Co-President of the Kent & Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter for Washington College and serves on the WC Alumni Council. He is also a valu-



able volunteer in the Alumni Office at Washington College. He and his wife, Lois Free, have two children who are both working for 3-M.

Virginia Walbert Garner is office manager for her husband's small publishing firm. She writes that "happiness is having a healthy husband, two daughters, each successful in their own way, and a handsome six-year-old grandson." She writes that she is enthusiastically looking forward to seeing old classmates at Reunion.

Charles Irish married Helen Schneider of Baltimore one week after his graduation from Washington College. Their two children (their son is a Washington College graduate of 1976) have families of their own. Helen died shortly after they celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary and he has managed to "feed himself reasonably well and to live without a spouse or companion." He admits that he is slowly learning how to keep the dishes clean and hopes to keep the house reasonably tidy!

Dorothea Miller Linley graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1950 and practiced preventive medicine and nutrition until retirement in 1986. She and husband, Francis, have four children and four grandchildren.

Roxanna Detwiler Merriken reports that the last 13 years have enabled her to become an active volunteer, play more bridge and read lots of books.

Martha Lumpkin Morris and husband John left the congested area of Montgomery County, MD, after John's retirement and found a home on top of Braddock Mountain west of Frederick. Each winter she works with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program helping elderly and low

### *Alumni returned for the Annual Alumni Basketball game on January 27, 1996.*

income taxpayers. She and John raise and show chrysanthemums at local and national shows. Martha sings in the adult choir and plays hand bells at her local UCC church in Middletown, does counter cross-stitch and enjoys the beautiful view from her home.

Joel Allen Mott, Jr. and a friend built a 33-foot sailing ketch, the "Windsong," in 1956 and for the next 25 years his wife, Millie, their children and friends sailed the East Coast from Boston, MA, to Fort Pierce, FL, and every river, gunk hole, marina and inlet in between. He has also been everywhere on his bike: The Netherlands, England, Bermuda, and the whole state of New Jersey. He has also traveled by recreation vehicle clockwise around the United States, East Coast to Mexico, West Coast, Canada; by Amtrak, counterclockwise, and by cruise ships three times, Mediterranean Sea, Trans Atlantic Greece to U.S. and Bermuda to New York.

Barbara Brown Face and husband Robert have three children and three grandchildren. Besides packing and unpacking and modifying and improving their various homes because of business relocation (some 13 times), her interests early on revolved around her children's activities and particularly the Girl Scout programs. Her hobbies now are in the miniature area and Garden Club functions. She wishes a "happy reunion to one and all!"

Bliss Brice Riedy asks, "Has it really been 50 years since Harry S. Truman gave us our diplomas?" She married Noble Riedy in 1950 and moved from Chestertown, where she was a legal secretary, to Wilmington,

DE. She went back to school to the University of Delaware after having two children and earned her teaching certificate in elementary education. She taught for 23 years and is now retired with her husband. They have done much traveling, domestically and in Europe. They now live in Newark, DE.

H. Eugene Rook, Jr. is living in Harrisburg, PA, with wife Lois. They have two children and five grandchildren. His career has been in the road materials and contracting field. He has worked in sales and management, as a sub-contractor on major projects and became a major owner and officer in the contracting business which expanded into the manufacturer of paving grades of asphalt emulsions that served all of Central P.A. He and his business partners sold this business in 1992 and he is now retired.

Elizabeth (Betty) Blackway Ruff reports that the years following graduation have brought involvement in school, church, playing bridge, antiquing, traveling and participation in federated women's club activities. She served as the president of the local women's club and is presently the Scholarship Chairman of the Baltimore District of the Maryland Federation. She is a widow now but she says that her three children and six grandchildren keep her on her toes.

John W. Russell married his physics lab partner, Flo Barrett '49, and they have three children and three grandchildren. He retired in 1987 from General Electric Co. and now volunteers at Medical College of Virginia Hospital. He also volunteers as repairman at his church. He is anxiously looking forward to seeing everyone this May and thanks the 1946 Committee for all their hard work.

Peggy Benton Smith is a member of the 1946 Reunion Committee and encourages all her classmates to return in May. She was married to Kirby Smith '48 in 1949 and they have two children. They moved to various places on the Eastern Shore of Maryland before returning to Chestertown in 1963 where Kirby became part owner of Kirby Memorials. Peggy taught at the local elementary school and retired after 25 years. She and Kirby both enjoy retirement and spend time with their three grandchildren. They fill their days with church activities, traveling, volunteering, and other organization involvement. She writes that the greatest fulfillment has been her association with Washington College.

Peggy Smith Steffens married Dick Steffens '43 in 1947 and they have three children and seven grandchildren. She has been involved with Grace Lutheran Church,

Hawthorne Country Club, Daughters of the American Revolution and Garden Club Chairman of the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage for Charles County. In 1950, she and Dick restored an early 19th century home on a farm near La Plata, MD, which is now listed many places on the National Historic Trust. She and Dick enjoy traveling and have visited from Europe to the Far East. Peggy is a member of the 1946 Reunion Committee and is looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion.

Sophie (Toby) Jones Sterling believes that "variety is the spice of life!" She and husband, Bill Sterling '42, have camped back and forth across the country for several years. She now watercolors and enjoys genealogy and Quaker meetings. Bill keeps busy with "Pets on Wheels," taking their Thasa-cocker pups to nursing homes to visit patients. They always look forward to hearing from friends.

Ray Sutton and Dian Latshaw '51 tied the knot 1951 and live in Columbia, SC. After a job with Suburban Propane Gas Corp. (right after WC), Cutter Laboratories and being a real estate broker-owner, Ray retired in 1986. They have two sons and two grandchildren. He looks forward to seeing classmates in May.

Sara Whaley Tower's last 37 years were spent with Queen Anne's County Board of Education as a classroom teacher, reading teacher and media person. Since retirement, she has been involved with the Centerville Senior Woman's Club, the General Perry Benson Chapter, NSDAR, the Queen Anne's County Historical Society, the Kent Island Heritage Society and the Centerville High School Alumni Association. She and husband Robert have three children and four grandchildren.

'47 Gloria Buschman Voith represented Washington College at Morehouse College's inauguration on February 16, 1996 in Atlanta, GA.

'52 Suzanne Horn Duckworth continues to work at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston as a Curriculum Coordinator for the freshman and sophomore medical students. She stays active with Grace Episcopal Church as a Junior Warden on the Vestry and serves as a board member for the Low Country Food Bank. She reports that she was supposed to retire last year but was too busy.

'54 Mary Lee Lincoln McIntyre had a wonderful 23-year career as a high school teacher and college instructor in the U.S. and in India, Pakistan and Lebanon. Since 1983, she has been working for the U.S. Agency for International Development as a

foreign science officer in Bangladesh and as a civil servant in Washington. Currently, she is a project officer managing a portfolio of humanitarian projects in Eastern Europe. Her three children, two daughters and one son, are all grown now. Her older married daughter will make her a first time grandmother in late February. She is looking forward to this very much.

'55 Omro M. Todd is a retired Executive Vice President of Thiel College in Greenville, PA. His wife, Flora W. Todd '58 is a retired Personnel Manager of Horizon Hospital System, also in Greenville, PA.

'56 Edgar "Mouse" M. Bair retired from the Marine Corps in 1982 and he and his wife, Barbara, and three children live near Kansas City.

Kenneth E. Bunting writes that he's been retired three times but is still working. He has numerous degrees — M.A. and Ph.D. in Romance Languages — was in the military, had a teaching career and has been a hog and cattle farmer, an engineer technician and gardener. He has grown most of his own food for 30 years and used to dress his own poultry, pork, beef and venison.

Charles P. Covington had a 30-year career with Sperry Corps (UNISYS) retiring in 1989 as Vice President, Systems Integration Division. He was a member of the Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors from 1988-1994 and is presently president and owner of a property management company in Avalon, NJ. He is in his second four-year term as an elected councilman for the Borough of Avalon. He and wife Lynn '54 have four children and nine grandchildren.

Edgar G. Cumor, Jr. was in the insurance business since college graduation until retirement in 1992. His fondest memory was when the 1951 lacrosse team was inducted into the WC Hall of Fame and most of the team returned. He remembers placing a cow in Minta Martin and also placing an "outhouse" in the middle of the quad.

Hilary (Larry) R. Curtiss was in the Army Signal Corps. - Crypto from 1956-58. He was the first to send 60 hours of monitored signals of Sputnik to the Pentagon from White Sands Missile Range. He was a casualty underwriter for INA (now IGNA) and Nationwide Insurance and a consultant and accounts manager. He retired in 1989 and has two adopted children.

Jack Daniel married Gina Kerry in 1958, had twin daughters in 1959 and a third daughter, Lisa, in 1963. He has lived in many states and spent 38 years in the hotel business in sales, public relations, management, as vice president, consultant and finally retirement. Myrtle Beach and enjoying grandchildren are in the future.

Hugh S. Delano was a nationally known sports writer and columnist for the *New York Post*, specializing in coverage of the National Hockey League for more than 25 years before early retirement last year. He was inducted into the National Hockey League Hall of Fame in Toronto, Canada in 1991, "in recognition of distinguished members of the newspaper profession whose words have brought honor to journalism and to hockey." He has twice been named New Jersey SportsWriter of the Year, he is a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame Selection Committee and in 1994 was selected for biographical inclusion in *Who's Who in*

## Births

To Emil '79 and Shawna Sueck, a son, Emil A. Sueck III, on February 2, 1996.

To Pete '80 and Wendy Hamill, a son, Jackson Schuyler, on February 19, 1996. Jackson joins brothers, Kellen, 9, and Jamie, 4, and sister, Carly, 7.

To Becca Fincher '82 and Chris '81 Kefer, a son, Cody Jeremiah, on August 31, 1995. Cody joins brother, Will, who is 3 1/2 years old.

To Bill Gerwig '82, a daughter, Madeline Alexandra Gerwig, on October 15, 1995. Madeline joins Baker, her four year old brother.

To Deborah Ortt Besser '83, a daughter,

Caroline Diane, on March 8, 1996. She joins big sister, Brittany, who is two.

To Briget McElroy '87 and Michael Cowie, a son, Brendan Michael, on November 25, 1995.

To Allyson Tunney '87 and Jacque Halbach, a son, Robert Christian, on November 20, 1995.

To Joan McWilliams '88, a son, Steven, on December 6, 1992.

To Lynn Burris '89 and Tony '90 Caligiuri, a daughter, Anna Gabrielle, on November 3, 1995.

To Julie Schram '92 and Andy '89 Webb, a daughter, Madeline Claire, on October 23, 1995. She joins big sisters, Ellie (4 1/2), and Abby (2 1/2), who are thrilled.

# Marriages

Henry C. Beck, member of the Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors, was married on April 27, 1996 to Nell Lynch at St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas, TX.

Elizabeth Talbott Bryan to Jack Forrester Maxey on December 31, 1995 in Richmond, VA.

Jeannine Albert '91 to Max Conover '86 on August 26, 1995.

Kristin Elizabeth Schiminger '91 to Ronald E. Council, Jr. '91 on May 26, 1996.



*Above, Erin Gillespie '91 is pictured at her wedding to Michael Walter on September 23, 1995 in Annapolis, MD. WC attendants included Joan Koo '92, Beth Jarrett '90 and Stacy Maenner '91. Other WC alumni pictured top to bottom, left to right: Ron Council '91, Marybeth Lerch, Kristy Schiminger '91, Stacy Maenner '91, Joan Koo '92, Alan Lerch '89, Vicki Vahos Bell '91, Tiffany Bailey '91, Angela Henneman Cavallaro '90, Mark Cavallaro '90, Beth Jarrett '90, Laura MacLean '91, Fred MacLean '91, Kristin Callazzo '91, Susan Stobbart '91, Eric Bach '91, Bissett McCurdy '91, Erin Gillespie '91 (Bride), Beth Knieriem '92 and Cliff Schroeder '91.*

*At left, Candice Dawn Tomei '88 and Douglas Craig Brueggemann were wed on September 30, 1995 in Vineland, NJ. Washington College alumni celebrating with Candy and Doug were Melody Redman Duffe '88, Russell Hetzer '86, Jenni Martin Reath '88 and Beth Blankman Wetherson '88. After a brief honeymoon in the Poconos, the newlyweds returned home to Boynton Beach, Florida. A trip to Italy is planned in 1997 for their "real" honeymoon.*

**America.** A lifelong resident of Cranford, NJ, he and his wife Marylou have been married for 37 years and are the parents of four sons.

Barbara Locker Frumpkin was a special education teacher until becoming a mother. After raising four children, she returned to the work force as a receptionist for a CPA firm. Now she and husband Jerry spend time with grandchildren and traveling.

Ellen Thomas Gale lives in Chestertown and has three children and one grandchild.

Adelaide Brinsfield Griffin spent time as a military wife and has lived in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, the Philippines and, since 1969, Southern California. Her family — three children and grandchildren — all live in California. She and her second husband, Ted, are enjoying retired life... taking Spanish classes, line dancing and

Jazzercise classes and traveling in a motor home with Shih-Tzu's, Adam & Eve. They occasionally cruise to Europe to visit with friends.

Jane Robins Hastings hasn't strayed far since graduation. She is still living on "the Shore" but has traveled abroad several times. She has been married, divorced, had five children and ten grandchildren. Her interests include knitting, reading and physical fitness.

Priscilla Dumschott Hutchinson shared apartments with Janet Parks '55 in New York City and Sigi Whaley '54 in Baltimore. In July 1963 she married Frank Hutchinson who will probably retire this spring from Westinghouse. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Ebe L. Joseph, Jr. was married to Lou Verdon in 1956 and they have three daugh-

ters and six grandchildren. He taught math 39 years at Smyrna High and was Department Chair for 20 years. He retired in 1995.

Donald M. Nuetzel lives in Fallston, MD, and is secretary/safety director for United Rental Equipment Company.

Richard E. Norris is now working part-time as a salesman for Sears in Salisbury, MD. He attended many technical schools and was D.O.D. Tech. Referee traveling around the world to different military bases working on electronic equipment. He has been to Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Korea, Cambodia and many more nice places.

Madie Marquez Oliveras has been working at the Strong Educational Center since 1979, first as a math teacher and later as administrator. She has three children with her late husband, Francisco, and grandchildren.

Dianna Holden '91 to Barry P. Conner '92 on June 3, 1995 at Great Oak Manor in Chestertown. 1st row: Chris Berghaus '94, Nicole Fascetta '90, Jennifer Mauser Rose '91 (Maid of Honor), Lynn Burris Caligiuri '89 (bridesmaid), Dianna Holden Conner '91 (Bride), Barry P. Conner '92 (Groom), Elizabeth Speer '91 (bridesmaid), Jeff Bauman '92 (groomsman), Sarah Hamlin '91 (bridesmaid), Peter Johnson '90; 2nd row: Chris Fascetta '88, Jane Horsefield '90 (bridesmaid), Tony Caligiuri '90, Beth Ann Sheppard '91, Holly Bounds, Davis Jefferson '90; 3rd row: Don Diefendorf '90, Deborah Smethurst '91, Kathy Brewster Jenkins '92, Suzanne Hewes '91, Kevin Holland '91, Jennie Jacobs Enders, John Beachley '92, Gordon Scherer '93 (groomsman); 4th row: Thad Ulrich '92, Kevin Marshall '94, Fred Johnston '91, Theresa Alborni, John Olson '89, Barry Conner '72 (Father of the groom). Also in attendance but not pictured, the groom's great aunt, Helen Wagner '30, Brooke Frank '92, Brian Basso '92 (groomsman), Steve Attias '90, Robert Strong '81, Donna Strong M '90 and faculty members — Garry Clarke and Melissa Clarke '75, George Spilich, and Maureen Kelley McIntire.



Leslie d'Ablemont '88 to Steve Feeley on July 1, 1995 in Washington, DC. Maid of Honor was Amy d'Ablemont '85. WC attendees included: Erica Munske '88, Paul Schuncke '89, Ceci Kosenkranius '88, Molly Hussman Ellis '85, Hilary '88 and Rick '89 Gerhardt and Rita '88 and Mike '88 McGuane.

Marie Pasquarello Ledford has enjoyed "Sunbelt" living with its opportunities for winter gardening and proximity to Mexico. She finds retirement most enjoyable as she and her husband travel, remodel, enjoy the outdoors and spend time with their two grandsons.

Anne Grim McKown has traveled extensively in the U.S. and in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Poland, Greece, Russia, Turkey, Romania, Italy, Germany, Guam, Bermuda, and Japan and enjoyed some wonderful cruises in the Caribbean. Her many interests are genealogy, historical societies, volunteer projects, reading, music, church, and activities in Baltimore, Washington and Annapolis areas. She is married to Barry McKown and they live in Edgewater, MD. They were surrogate parents to midshipmen from U.S. Naval Academy 1978-93 and she is an aunt to nine nieces and nephews and fourteen great

nieces and great nephews.

Robert W. Powell is a professor of psychology at the University of South Florida (1966-present, day job) and a commercial fisherman (1970s-present, moonlight job). He has three sons and is currently "foot-loose and fancy-free" and has purchased a 34-foot commercial/pleasure boat this year and plans to travel.

Barbara Mershon Reed reports that traveling in the U.S. has been a favorite vacation activity in recent years. In 1989 she and her husband, Ralph, served as team leaders for a church mission trip to Lisbon, Portugal, taking 11 teens for two weeks. They celebrated their 25th anniversary in 1991 by taking a literary trip to Great Britain.

John C. Richey and wife Panna are settled into the soft English climate in Surrey, England, where they plan to stay after retire-

ment. His two older sons and their families are in the Washington, DC area, with the Department of Justice and MCI, respectively. His third son, Tarek, is reveling in his junior year at Washington College.

Emily Dryden Russell writes: "One husband, Bill Russell '53, two sons, one grandson, five dogs, homes in four counties of Maryland and I've been on the Eastern Shore for 25 years." College ties have been important to Emily — she's been on the Alumni Council and is currently on the Sho'men Club as a board member, is on the President's Circle and is serving as a chairman of the 1956 Reunion Committee. Her son, Bill '80, attended WC for two years, her children's godparents and godchildren are the result of WC ties, as are her dearest friendships. Her most time-consuming job has been volunteer whether it be as Den Mother, coach, church volunteer, seamstress or WC volunteer. She also plays golf,

does quilting and crewel embroidery and is a member of her local book club.

Eleanor Hempstead Savage and husband Linn have four sons and enjoy watching their two grandsons and traveling. They are used to traveling as Linn's position as First Lieutenant in the Army kept them moving. They are excited to travel to Chestertown to see old friends and classmates for Reunion and return to the atmosphere of "Good old Washington College."

Jennifer Dobbs Shaalan works for Federal Express and is responsible for creating training material. Through her job she has been able to travel to China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Columbia and Europe. She has been divorced since 1977. She has one son who is 25.

Ronald C. Sisk and wife Adela Roberts Sisk '64 are living in Frederick, MD. Ron was in the Marine Corps from 1956-60 and returned to Washington College as physical education instructor and coach of baseball and basketball. He was an owner and operator of United Rent-Alls in Cumberland, MD, from 1965-1968 before working at Western Maryland College as physical education instructor, admissions counselor, and basketball, lacrosse and golf coach. In 1972 he began working for the Maryland School for the Deaf as Director of Business and Support Services. He is now Curator of Hessian Barracks Museum located on the MSD campus. He has two children, Frederick and Rachel.

John "Buddy" D. Sparks, Jr. retired in 1987 after spending 31 years in the teaching profession in Queen Anne's County, MD. He spent a few years in the field of history and political science for which he thanks Dr. Charles Clark '34, Mr. Padgett and Mr. Henry. Driver education was his main area in later years and he could write a few books about that experience! He and Jane Golt Sparks '55 celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in November 1995 and have enjoyed traveling and keeping up with their granddaughter's activities (who they admit shows great potential as a lacrosse player).

Jerome F. Yudziki is now enjoying retirement after 29 years as an analyst/programmer in the home office of General Accident Insurance Company in Philadelphia. For the past four years he has been a volunteer worker for the Physical/Occupational Therapy Departments at Nazareth Hospital, doing miscellaneous office work. He is also a Fuller Brush Company independent distributor. He keeps busy at home with his PC computer doing banners, wedding programs, flyers and various forms for family, friends and Nazareth Hospital. His five

stepchildren, 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren keep him very busy.

**'59** Sally Ann Cooper reports that after serving 11 years as Science Department Chair at Atholton High School in Columbia, MD, she has been chosen to develop the biotechnology program at the new Technology Magnet school.

William A. Pfeiffer is a human resources consultant in the greater Philadelphia area. Bill is divorced with four married children and three grandchildren. He spoke before psychology majors at Washington College in 1994.

**'60** David C. Fenimore wrote to say that he is very proud of his daughter, Susan, who just graduated from Santa Clara University with a Juris Doctor.

**'64** Everything is still the same with Lynne Wagton.

**'65** Jeffrey Blitz has been reappointed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey to his third five-year term as the Atlantic County Prosecutor. Jeff was initially appointed Atlantic County Prosecutor in 1985 by Governor Tom Kean. He was reappointed in 1990 by Governor Jim Florio. Jeff is the past President of the Atlantic County Bar Association and the NJ Association of County Prosecutors.

Sue Thelin Rourke thought that representing WC at the Inauguration of Douglas Bennett at Wesleyan University, in her hometown, was a most enjoyable experience. She and her husband had the pleasure of dining with Dr. E.K. Fretwell of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Dr. Fretwell is a personal friend of Dr. Toll and asked to be remembered. "Thank you for the honor of representing WC right here in Middletown, CT."

**'67** Robin Bennett Rodar is working for the Santa Clara Day School at the Santa Clara Reservation in Espanola, NM. She is teaching fourth grade and is computer coordinator. She and her husband Sam '67 have been married for 27 years and have two children, both college grads. Sam owns his own business, Dirt Road Enterprises, and is a computer consultant and programmer.

**'68** Robert Vanderlock has been Postmaster of Waldwick, NJ since January 1990, with much of his career emphasis on the Marketing and Retailing of USPS products and services. He was the recipient of a \$950.00 USPS Special Achievement Award in 1989 for his work in the field. As a private citizen, he's lately been giving free public presentations on the subject of "Un-

identified Flying Objects" for which he recently completed a paper entitled "The Roswell Incident: The Rush Toward Full Accounting." He's been married to the former Helene Heiler since October 1980.

**'69** Margaret Nuttle Melcher feels that, after many years as a student, teacher, and school administrator, the year starts in September and ends in June! "1994-95 was a doozy!"—In July 1994 Maggie and her husband both broke vertebrae in a car accident. After three months in braces, they were declared 100 percent recovered. After Christmas in Jan. 1995, she had a hip replaced, the need for which was found because of the car accident's follow-up x-rays! They are renovating their house this fall, and in January she hopes to get back to her art studies and production.

**'71** Andrew M. McCullagh, Jr.'s son, Scott, graduated in December from the University of Wisconsin with a 3.5 GPA in economics, three letters in football as an outside linebacker, and a big Rose Bowl ring on his right hand. Scott is entering the investment banking business in Denver. One son down—two to go!

**'73** Betsy Murray recently hosted (and is still wondering why) a raucous gathering in Baltimore of some of her classmates. Their news: Nancy Wagner '73 just returned from Zimbabwe where she was forced to wrestle a crocodile. Nancy Beery Gabell '73 seeks Dr. Ruth's advice as she fields birds-and-bees questions from her daughter, Laura. Elaine Swanekey '73 may write a cookbook to market to the stores at Colorado Ski resorts. Nancy Walsh '73 is recording her dog's memoirs of spending a year in France, beginning with the distinction between "oui oui" and "wee wee." Betsy went abroad as well, to London with her husband and three children. They cut the trip short to get home to son Dewey, whom they sorely missed.

Chris Owens was named one of Maryland's Top Women in 1996. She is an attorney and partner with Smith & Downey in Baltimore. Chris is noted for her many service contributions and accomplishments. She founded the Baltimore Chapter of the Executive Women's Golf League, serves on the Baltimore Estate Planning Council and is long term Board Member and Vice President for the Baltimore Association for Financial Planning. Chris has received numerous awards including the President's Award for Outstanding Contribution, Baltimore Association for Finance Planning; Donald L. Leibowitz Distinguished Service Award BAF; Mid-Atlantic Leadership Award and is honored as a member of the Executive Women's Golf League.

'74 Sandra Sue Darling is still employed by Queen Anne's County Board of Education and is now holding the position of first grade teacher.

'75 Maynard Kirpalani joined the firm of Peabody & Arnold. He specializes in litigation, products liability, aviation and marine regulation, and professional liability law. He received his law degree at the University of Virginia School of Law and lives in Boxford, MA.

'77 Lindl Wiederholdt Costello continues to live and work in St. Louis, MO, as a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker. She is married to Mike Costello, an attorney with Ralston Purina, and they have a daughter, 7, and a son, 5. She would love to hear from Melanie Thornton Huycke.

'78 Ann Taylor Laverty has been working as a coding specialist for a physician's billing company. She reads and codes Emergency Room charts according to the services performed by physicians in the ER.

'79 Julie Mitchell O'Brien, her husband, and three daughters have moved to Phoenix, AZ, due to a job change for her husband. Her new address is 16025 S. 9th Pl. Phoenix, AZ 85048. Her new number is (602) 460-7366.

Jeffrey Popham writes, "I am still Quality

Manager at Mack Plastics, a growing high performance plastics parts manufacturer in Bristol, RI. My wife, Mary, and I are proud parents of three young children, Jay, Michael and Grace, with a fourth due in July. I occasionally think back on my years at WC and realize how fortunate I was to be a part of it all. I owe a lot to Coach Athey, Mickey DiMaggio and Pat Yahner. I wish all the best to the entire WC community."

William J. and Susan Wooden '80 Skelton and sons will move to the Atlanta, GA, area in summer 1996. Bill has been promoted to Area Marketing Manager for Weyerhaeuser Company. Susan has recently completed her education certification and taught chemistry and biology at Liberty High School in 1995-96.

'81 George L. Dennis is a senior consultant with Booz, Allen & Hamilton in the worldwide technology business. He provides technical and management solutions to clients in Maryland and northern Virginia. George spent over 13 years in the United States Marine Corps in the Signals Intelligence/Electronic Warfare field. He served as an analyst and as a program manager. During his career with the Marine Corps, he served three years as a program manager for the Tactical Electronic Reconnaissance Processing and Evaluation System (TERPES), two years as project leader for the TERPES Weapon System Support Activity, three years as an electronic intelli-

gence analyst with the Naval Security Group in Alaska, two years performing tactical collection of electronic intelligence with the Marine Corps Electronic Warfare Squadron (VMAQ-2) and three years as a Cryptologic Technician with the Naval Security Group in Pensacola, FL and Guam. George is also a member of the Association of Old Crows and the Retired Officers Association. He fills his spiritual needs at Daybreak Community Church in Ashburn, VA, and maintains his physical fitness by swimming, bicycling, running and weight-training. George also manages to coach youth soccer in his community during his free time.

'82 Sally Wagaman has served as the volunteer AOPi advisor and now the Panhellenic adviser at Villanova University for the past eight years.

'84 Andrew H. Bate has been named a partner in the law firm of Stephens, Lynn, Klein & McNicholas which is a 45-lawyer trial firm with offices in Miami, Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale and Tampa. Andy specializes in the defense of professional liability and products liability cases and is a resident of the Miami office.

'86 Valerie Sheppard couldn't stay away from WC so during the Spring 1996 she is teaching an industrial/organizational psychology course. She is looking forward to her 10th year reunion. She hopes to see

## In Memoriam

Ernest Greenfield Holland '36 died at his home in Berlin, MD, of an acute myocardial infarction February 6, 1996. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Carter Holland, two children and five nieces and nephews.

William B. "Swish" Nicholson '36 died on March 8, 1996 at age 81. Swish played professional baseball for the Chicago Cubs and the Philadelphia Phillies. He retired in 1953 and returned to his Eastern Shore farm on Langford Creek. He is survived by five granddaughters, a stepson, and five stepdaughters. (see additional coverage on page 6.)

Alice Williams Kiendl '40 died on November 7, 1995. She was a teacher and school administrator throughout her career in New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan and New York. She and her husband, Arthur, retired in Castine, ME, in 1981.

Frank B. "Doc" Evans Jr. '47, of Cambridge and Annapolis, died January 17, 1996 in Easton, MD. In 1950, Mr. Evans graduated from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy with a bachelor of science degree. He retired in 1984 after 34 years as a pharmacist in both Annapolis and Cambridge. He was a member of the Society of the War of 1812 and participated in the North-South Skirmishes, a Civil War Reenactment group. He is survived by two sons, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

George Vickers Hollingsworth Jr. '31 died of pneumonia at his home in Chestertown. The lifelong resident of the Eastern Shore was 84. He began his career in 1936 as principal of Church Hill (MD) High School. He later taught history at Centreville High School until his retirement in 1967. He also managed his family's farm. Throughout his life, he pursued his interests in historic preservation, conservation and baseball. He is survived by a brother, Colin P. Hollingsworth '33 of Towson; a sister, Ann Hollingsworth McLain '40 of Chestertown and two nieces.

The Rev. Harold O. Martin '43 died on November 27, 1995. He was born in Princess Anne, MD. He received his B.D. at the University of the South, Seawane, TN, in 1945, and was a priest in the Episcopal Church for 50 years, serving parishes in New York, Texas, Mississippi, Wisconsin and Louisiana. He retired to the Gulf Coast of Mississippi in 1984 and continued his ministry as Vicar of St. Pierre's Mission in Gautier, MS. Survivors include his wife, Marguerite, three sons, three daughters, and eleven grandchildren.

Albert R. Miller '63 of Ocean City, MD, died on December 30, 1995. He taught at Galena High School in the 1960s until joining Kent Photographics in Chestertown. After working at Kent State University, he worked in the registrar's office at Washington College until 1983. From that time he managed Dunes Manor Motel, in Ocean City. He was former president of Kent County Mental Health Association and chairman of the Annual Chestertown Antique Show.



*Ferd Thun, Planned Giving Consultant*

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If you give shares of closely held stock to the College you may claim an income tax charitable deduction for the fair market value of the shares. You also remove an illiquid asset from your estate and may be able to save significantly

on potential estate tax.

In most cases the College will not wish to hold the stock and would prefer to sell for cash. The buyer would typically be the closely held corporation or a company which is buying the closely held company.

Although these techniques generally do not work with S Corporation stock, they provide a number of opportunities which may be of interest.

For example, you may be able to convert low yielding closely held stock into a gift annuity or other high yielding life income plan.

To learn more about this option, please call me, Ferd Thun, at 1-800-422-1782, extension 7715 or 7801. I will be happy to answer your questions and describe how such a gift may benefit both you and Washington College.

you all there. "You won't believe how much WC has changed!"

Tammy Tiehel was working as a Unit Production Manager on The Discovery Channel's "Home Matters" and The Learning Channel's Cable Ace-Award winning "Furniture To Go" until she was accepted as a Producing Fellow at The American Film Institute's Center for Advanced Film and Television Studies in Los Angeles. She is working towards an MFA and will graduate after producing a 30-minute film this April. Any WC grads in the LA area please call (213) 931-9007.

'87 Allyson Tunney Halbach is living in Dallas, TX, with her husband, Jacque, and is working as an advanced systems engineer for Electronic Data Systems, but is looking forward to becoming a full-time mom to her son Robert and three cats.

Rick Hall's golf game is improving. The economy in the Midwest is booming. Indiana has a good NBA basketball team and the Colts are doing great. (Sorry guys!) Please tell Sheaffer Reese '87 that I hear the Asplundh Co. is doing well—He will know what I mean. Incidentally, does anyone know if Pat Gordinier '87 is still alive? Did you ever get your pilot's license, Pat?

'88 Leslie d'Ablemont Feeley is an exhibit sales executive for Convention Management Group, a full-service trade show management company in Fairfax, VA. Erica Munske has been working for the development department of the Washington National Cathedral for three years. She just purchased her first home this winter in Takoma Park, MD.

'89 Chris Foley has been named a partner in his Southern Maryland law firm, now known as Dorsey and Foley, P.C.

Andy Webb is now working as a product broker for Market America. He and his wife, Julie Schram '92, and their three daughters live in Pasadena, MD.

'90 Kim Scheideman is engaged to Russell Look '87 and they plan to be married in November. Kim is working in Bel Air at her parent's athletic club assisting in marketing. Russell is working in Baltimore for R.J. Look Company.

'92 Catherine Carrier reports on the wedding of Margaret Phillips '81 and Jeff Hill in Chestertown in September 1995. Becca Fincher-Kiefer '82, Chris Kiefer '81, Susan Chase-Nye '82 and a long list of characters attended. If people thought "Cat

Carrier" was an odd name, she is marrying Charlie House!

Peter DeJong has been promoted into the Programming Department of the A & E Television Networks in New York City. He is working on a variety of projects with various departments and production companies, gathering necessary information and support material for all programming on A & E, The History Channel, and The History Channel International. He lives in East Norwalk, CT with his faithful cat, Zeke.

Kevin Kelly is currently in law school and has been working for Senator Barbara Mikulski for the past two and a half years. He was recently promoted to Deputy Projects Director, in assisting non-profit organizations and local governments. He is liaison between state, local and private entities and the federal government. Kevin is also a valuable volunteer for Washington College as he is co-president of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter with Brooke Frank '92 and serves on the WC Alumni Council.

'93 Andrew McKim, wife Mariella Ruiz '90, and son, Brandon, spent last year in Peru where Andrew worked for a non-governmental organization and Mariella worked for Lutheran World Relief. They are currently living in Bangladesh for one year through Andrew's Fulbright Research Grant.

Whitney White Myrus and Elizabeth Anne McLaughlin '96 have announced their engagement. The couple will be married in September in Washington, DC. Beth is working for Grossberg, Yochelson, Fox and Beyda, a Washington law firm. She completed her classwork a semester early and will return to Washington College for graduation ceremonies in May. She continues her writing at home. Whit was just named Top Producer for Restaurant Development Company, for the second year in a row. He was also cited by the company for developing their first international franchises. He continues his artwork in photography at the Corcoran and in his darkroom at home at 1633 19th Street NW. They and Vicco VonVoss '91 recently enjoyed accompanying Constance Stuart Larrabee, '86 Honorary Alumna, to an opening at the Corcoran Gallery. Although Matthew Langan '93 is now working in New York City, he and Whit continue correspondence.

Christopher Vaughn has been in the Peace Corps which has delayed his plan to become a millionaire and marry some lucky model. "Nevertheless, it's been an experience I will spend a lifetime reminiscing with a smile. Kenya has been a good teacher. The next step? Good question."

He will explore the Far East before coming home to readjust.

Sarah White is engaged to Jeff Slanker. She is currently working in a pottery studio in Vermont where she resides with her fiancé.

**'94** Andrew Manos is a clinical researcher managing phase II experimental chemotherapy studies for the department of medical oncology at Johns Hopkins University Hospital. Previously, he ran a methadone replacement experimental drug therapy program for Hopkins. Meanwhile, he's working on a master's degree in business that, with his clinical trials experience, will allow him to move into a position as a clinical research associate in the pharmaceutical industry.

Andrew Thomas Parks is engaged to Loula Alexandra Heffner. They both teach English at The Webb School in Bell Buckle, TN. A July 13 wedding will take place in Shelbyville, TN. They will honeymoon on the Riviera in France. A.P. can be reached at P.O. Box 92, Bell Buckle, TN 37020 (615-389-9924).

Michael D. Ratta is working for Star Tech Corporation as a Sales/Technical Support Representative. He recently relocated from Boston to the Baltimore area. He is excited to be living with classmates Chris Jones '94 and twin brother, David '94. "Looking forward to graduation weekend!"

**'95** Cheryl L. Bull has moved to 12529 Greenspring Ave. Owings Mills, MD 21117. She works as Staffing Director at American Pool Management and staffs and manages 70 pools throughout Anne Arundel and Howard County areas. She reports that she is still dating Scott Overend '93. She enjoys her spare time by playing indoor field hockey and plans to go back to school in the fall of 1997.

Kelly C. Burns is a Marketing Specialist for Panorama Software, a systems management corporation in LA County. She writes and designs product collateral, organizes trade shows and researches market strategies. Although she reports missing bike rides on the shore, she claims that the sunshine in Southern California beats snow and ice on High Street. She sends hellos to Melissa, Rachel, Rummel, Rach and Jessi. She can be reached by e-mail at: kburns@pansoft.com.

Scott Dervaes is in law school in San Francisco. He is engaged to be married to Michelle Mitchell in July in Portland, OR.

Mark M. Koehler earned his Information Specialist Certificate and is entering graduate school in the fall. He had an internship

at Cognitive Neuroscience Minds, NIH. He was a Psychology Technician/EEG analyst at USUHS/Walter-Reed Army Hospital.

Matthew Murray and Sharla Ponder '95 got engaged after the Birthday Ball on February 17. They are both very excited about their future. Matthew's graduate schooling at Pitt is going well. He is planning to study in Thailand this summer and he will graduate in May '97. He wishes everyone the best at WC.

Michelle Sheppard is still in her first year of Social Work. Her field placement involves working with children who are disabled. However, next year she thinks she'll visit the other end of the spectrum and work with older folks in nursing homes or hospitals for field placement.

## Masters

**'75** "Leigh" Reid (Beverly Hogg) has married, completed doctoral studies, and been employed with the University of Maryland and Anne Arundel County Public Schools. These things have occupied her time since completing the master's program at Washington College. Boating, reading, friends, and travel fill her leisure time. Her yearly journey to Chestertown for graduation weekend allows her husband, Murray, and her to keep in touch with old friends and catch up with all the changes at the college.

Nancy McCloy was selected as a Rotarian Group Study Exchange team member. She and three other team members traveled to Denmark for four weeks beginning April 9 to study its institutions and ways of life. She observed others in her own profession, education of special children (she is the director of education at The Benedictine School for Exceptional Children in Ridgely, MD). McCloy lived with host families in Copenhagen and North Jutland areas of Denmark. The Group Study Exchange program was sponsored by the Rotary Foundation, a nonprofit corporation emphasizing achievement of world understanding and peace through international humanitarian and educational programs.

**'76** Jane E. Mitchell has been very busy since completing her Master's at Washington College. She retired as Director of Nursing from the Delaware State Hospital; is a member and past President of the State Board of Nursing; was Minority Recruiter for the College of Nursing, University of Delaware; is Associate Area II Vice President of AARP; is Member of the Delaware State Industrial Accident Board; is Volunteer Specialist/Community Health Services

for AARP, and is Speaker for the American Cancer Society on Breast Cancer and on the College of Nursing Screening Committee. Jane has also received many honors and awards: Woman of the Year Award by the National Association of College Women; Award of Merit by the Delaware State Arts Council; Medal of Merit Award by the University of Delaware; Girl Scout Award for The Worlds of Well Being; Hall of Fame inductee for Delaware Women; Woman of Distinction Award by Region II NAACP; Unsung Heroine Award by the NAACP; Outstanding Negro Woman by Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Rho Sorority; Lifetime Community Service Award by NAACP and Lifetime Membership by the Delaware Nurses Association.

**'88** Daniel Gerstenfield is pursuing a master's degree in social work. He is happily married to Melissa Walter '87 and they share their home with their dog, Alexandra, and cat, Nicholas. They attended Max Conover's '86 wedding in August.

**'91** Rema J. Gates has been taking advantage of workshops and in-service training to increase her counseling skills and she is enjoying her work very much. She recently moved from the Atlanta, GA, area to the lower Eastern Shore of Virginia. She is now looking for another position in the counseling area.

**'93** Stephanie Sherwell recently completed graduate studies at the University of Exeter in England for a master's degree in international politics. She thoroughly enjoyed her year in England and had the opportunity to speak with Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of the University's 40th anniversary. Following her studies, Stephanie embarked on a tour of Europe with stops in France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, and Belgium. In addition, Stephanie had the opportunity to vacation in sunny South Africa. She was able to visit Johannesburg, Cape Town, Table Mountain, the Cape of Good Hope and saw the lions at Kruger Park game reserve.

## Correction

In a case of mistaken identity, the Spring 1996 issue of the Washington College Magazine erroneously reported that Kevin "Sparky" Kelly '92 left the employ of Senator Barbara Mikulski. It was the other Kevin Kelly on Mikulski's staff who departed. Please see Sparky's Class Note on page 34.

# CURRENTS

## *The Stuff Traditions Are Made Of*

by Elizabeth Likens '96

**F**ebruary in Chestertown does not lend itself to many evenings of excitement, but there is one much anticipated by students, faculty, staff, friends, and family, as well as people who have no connection with Washington College except to know that we celebrate George Washington's birthday in a big way!

For the past two years, I have served as one of the coordinators of the Annual Birthday Ball and I have seen it evolve into something magnificent, something that surpassed many people's expectations. In 1993, we were invited to a "dance" in the Dining Hall. Given the fact that the freshman class, which had no prior experience with the Ball or its significance, was appointed to the task of organizing the event, it was a job well-done.

Then, in 1994, it was taken over by the Student Government Association under the direction of Carey Hargrove and his family's special events decorating business. "Mardi Gras" set the standard for all future Birthday Balls. Carey recognized the uniqueness of Washington's Birthday Ball — how many schools celebrate their founder's birthday with a big bash? Carey realized the potential this event could have for the school, and for those of you who have attended any of the Birthday Balls in the past three years, I am sure you will agree that this was an insightful realization.

So we renewed this tradition with a

"masked" event. Everyone was invited to attend what was promised to be an unforgettable event. And people came. There was plenty of dancing and socializing and then, a few guests set down their drinks, disappeared for a few minutes only to reappear as the mystic crew, leading a parade through Cain Gymnasium. It certainly proved to be an unforgettable night.

Then we were faced with topping Mardi Gras — and I believe we did. "The Great Gatsby Gala" marked 1995 and again, we wowed the crowd. The dancing spilled onto the stage, which served to fuel the famous Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra. We scheduled a scene to be portrayed from the book; this time we asked students who majored in theater to be our "crew." Well, from attending their rehearsals, I know they were fantastic. Unfortunately, the sound system did not allow anyone else to draw the same conclusion. It was still a magical evening and we learned from that mistake and promised ourselves it wouldn't happen in 1996. And I believe that you will again agree with me when I say that "The Phantom of the Night" did not have a problem with its sound system. In fact, I don't think there were any problems. Chou Chou Scantlin and her Royal Coconuts inspired our dancing, the decorations captivated our attention, and the performers entertained us throughout the night. Yes, despite a winter blizzard, we were able to create another spell-binding evening and uphold the Birthday Ball tradition.

From experience, I know what it takes to organize a Birthday Ball; the work is hard and long but the result is exhilarating. We receive a tremendous amount of support from the school; everyone is willing to help, and the time

and energy volunteered is unmatched.

This year, I took a moment during the height of the Ball to take a step back and look at what was taking place before me, and I was amazed. I saw students, professors, alumni, staff, family, and about a thousand unfamiliar faces who came to support Washington College. The students are dedicated to the organization of the entire event, the staff and faculty are confident in our efforts, and everyone who attends is supportive of Washington College. Not only is this an event to enjoy, but it is supported by everyone, and this gives true meaning to Birthday Ball. I would like to personally thank Carey and his family for revitalizing this tradition and everyone who helped to make these Birthday Balls possible. Finally, I would like to encourage everyone in the Washington College community to continue supporting this tradition. It has become an event we all look forward to, and it will continue to surpass all expectations and be a tradition for the next 50 years with your encouragement and commitment.



*Carey Hargrove '96 and Elizabeth Likens '96 have made Birthday Ball happen for the past three years.*

## *College Events*

### **June 16 - 20**

Beach Stars Lacrosse Camp, evenings  
6:00 - 8:30, \$120. Call 410-778-7231.

### **June 23 - 27**

WC Lacrosse Camp for Boys, ages 10  
to 18. \$325 for residential program;  
\$250 for day campers. Call 410-778-  
7231.

### **July 11 - 14**

Charlie Toomey's Point Blank  
Goalkeeping Camp, for boys ages 12  
to 18. \$375 for residential program;  
\$275 for day campers. Call 410-778-  
7231.

Dave Pietramala's Attack/Defense  
Challenge Camp, for boys 14 to 17.  
\$325 for residential program; \$250 for  
day campers. Call 410-778-7231.

### **July 14 - 18**

USA Lacrosse Camp for Girls, ages  
14 to 18. \$350 for residential pro-  
gram; \$275 for day campers. Call 410-  
778-7231.

### **July 18 - 21**

Point Blank Goalkeeping Camp for  
Girls, ages 12 to 18. \$375 for residen-  
tial program; \$275 for day campers.  
Call 410-778-7231.

USA Challenge Camp for Girls, ages  
14 to 18. \$325 for residential pro-  
gram; \$250 for day campers. Call  
410-778-7231.

### **July 25 - 28**

Championship Lacrosse Camp. \$350  
residential program; \$250 for day  
campers. Call 410-778-7231.

### **August 26**

Classes begin

### **September 5**

Fall Convocation

### **September 7**

Kent & Queen Anne's Alumni  
Chapter Flea Market, lower campus.  
Call 410-778-7812 to reserve a table.

### **September 13 - 14**

Board of Visitors and Governors  
Retreat, Wye Woods

### **October 4**

Annual Alumni & Friends Golf  
Tournament. Call 410-778-7812 for  
more information.

### **October 5**

Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and  
Induction. Call 410-778-7812 for  
more information.

### **October 25 - 26**

Parents Weekend  
Friends of Miller Library Book Fair

### **November 1 - 2**

50th Anniversary Celebration of the  
Beta Omega Chapter, Kappa Alpha  
Order. For more information, please  
call P. David Knowles, at 410-778-  
7789.

## DONOR'S PROFILE

### Charles P. Merrick III

**Home:**  
Cockeysville, Maryland

**Giving Level:**  
The 1782 Society (William Smith Fellows)

**Profession:**  
Partner, Alex Brown & Sons, Inc.

**Profile:**  
This investment banker, originally from Denton on Maryland's Eastern Shore and parent of Chip '99, joined the Washington College community last year and recently became a member of the Parents Committee.

**Why Washington College compares:**  
"When we were looking around at schools in the area, certainly, the more we looked at Washington College, the better we liked it. The College has proved to be an appropriate place for my son. There are a lot of students who develop much better in a smaller, more personalized environment. Washington College has defined its mission and knows the kids it wants to go after — it doesn't try to be all things to all people."

**Why I give on top of tuition:**  
"Washington College cannot maintain the quality of its programs if parents, alumni and

friends only meet the minimum requirements. Aside from any future programs, the College wouldn't be able to maintain the quality of education and the quality of life on campus if we didn't go beyond and take the extra step and give more. The first line donors must be alumni, parents, grandparents, and the local community."